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'EXTRA' LESSONS



LESSONS LEARNED, BONDS BUILT — Head Coach Ken Maglio shares a moment with players after the Thanksgiving Day football game. While the football team won 10 games and lost only one — its best record in 29 years — players fell 7 seconds shy of going to the playoffs. But, like students in other after-school activities, the players said they learned "discipline and respect."

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

BEYOND THE THREE 'R's

By Rita Savard

Broken hearts made the silent 20-minute drive from Chelmsford back to Andover one of the longest rides of their lives. After nine straight wins, Andover High's Golden Warriors football team had suffered a last-minute loss that hurled it off the triumphant road to the state Super Bowl.

"Memories of that game will probably stay with me forever," says quarterback Geoff Stevens.

But the brush with adversity could not extinguish the players' spirits. On Thanksgiving Day, the Warriors rose up to defeat longtime rival Central Catholic. Their 22-13 win marked the end of a 10-1 season — their best in decades. It was a season that taught the players about much more than playing football alone, say those close to the team.

"What the football team learns from the game, complements what they're learning from books," says Brian McNally, athletic director at Andover High. "The experience these kids gain from coaches and each other will help carry them through life."

Confidence, trust and leadership skills are just some of the benefits gained through extracurricular activities, say many teachers. Whether it is on the playing field or the stage, expressed through music or mathematics, valuable lessons learned outside of the classroom are "the other half of education," they say.

Aixa de Kelley, guidance director at Andover High, says students juggling extracurriculars along with a full academic course load are giving about 110 percent.

"Kids involved with extracurricular activities tend to have better time-management skills," says de Kelley, who notes that more than 75 percent of AHS students are engaged in activities outside the classroom. "We recommend that students follow something that they're really passionate about. It allows kids to find a productive balance, instead of just going home and turning on the TV."

In an international case study, the US Department of Education reported that

extracurricular activities stimulate and broaden students' interests, make valuable use of leisure time, provide opportunities for socialization and enhance qualifications on college-entrance applications.

Andover High's drama director, Susan Choquette, believes that while great milestones are accomplished in the classroom, taking away the extras would make school an incomplete place.

"No matter what activity a student enters into, whether it's drama, athletics or the math team, the situation only helps to shape them as whole human beings," says Choquette. "When students are just learning who they are and what they stand for, it's very important for them to find an outlet where they're free to express themselves."

Regardless of whether they are involved with a successful program — such as the perennial state champion girls swim and dive team — or a problematic effort, youth often end up learning valuable lessons and creating social bonds.

Ask any member of the Warriors football squad and they'll agree that the exhilaration of victory would not taste as sweet without knowing the crushing blows of defeat. A year ago, the team finished 5-6, losing more games than they won. But many returning players, fused with eager new teammates and charged-up coaches, contributed to creating a powerful force this year

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

SELF-EXPRESSION — From left, Amanda Weldin, Ned Berger and Zach Zetetas were among the students who learned something new outside the classroom by performing in *Beauty and The Beast*.

Ex-doc Kartell denied parole

By Mark Vogler

Former Andover plastic surgeon James P. Kartell has been denied parole from prison because he continues to insist he shot to death his estranged wife's lover in self-defense.

The three-member state Parole Board, which issued its finding in a one-page statement Monday, said Kartell's refusal to admit fault "minimizes his behavior in the commission of the crime."

It concluded Kartell's release is "not compatible to the welfare of society."

Kartell shot Janos Vajda to death with a handgun during a confrontation in the hospital room of Suzan Kamm on Feb. 23, 1999. He was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to eight years in prison.

Bernadett Vajda, 29, the victim's daughter, attended Kartell's first parole hearing yesterday. She was told afterward that he would be kept in prison for at least another year, when he is again eligible for parole consideration.

"We thought he was going to

apologize to the parole board," said Vajda, who testified at the hearing. "But every time he opened his mouth, he dug a bigger hole for himself. Obviously, nobody agrees with what he had to say. That's why he was denied parole."

Her father died from two bullet wounds — one shot to the stomach and the other execution-style to the back of the head — in the struggle with Kartell at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen while Suzan Kamm watched from her bed. She was being treated for pneumonia.

The Parole Board decision reflected the sentiments expressed by the victim's family.

Bernadett Vajda said Kartell has not come to terms with what happened on that fateful day when he surprised her father in the hospital room. Suzan Kamm was estranged from her husband at the time.

"He's talked himself into believing that he murdered my father in self-defense," said Bernadett Vajda, who attended

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In the market for... a church?

Andoverite is agent for archdiocese

By Rita Savard

How high a price do people place on a house of worship?

The Boston Archdiocese will soon receive some answers when offers are submitted on two Catholic churches for sale through Harkins Real Estate and Auctioneers of Andover.

Harkins Real Estate is selling two Lowell church buildings, the Nuestra Senora del Carmen and Notre Dame de Lourdes Church.

"I've already had dozens of phone calls from developers, churches, non-profit organizations and others who were just curious," says realtor Michael Harkins.

Both Lowell churches are among 16 properties that the archdiocese will soon begin soliciting offers for as part of its "reconfiguration plan."

The Boston Archdiocese publicly announced its first church closures in May. It estimates that when reconfigu-

tion is completed, 83 parishes and 67 churches will have been closed.

According to Harkins, the archdiocese will be carefully weighing prospective buyers' reuse intentions, as well as financial offers.

Unlike an auction, where the highest bidder closes the deal and has total control over their purchase, the archdiocese will ultimately decide the fate of each church.

In a public statement released by the archdiocese last month, Chancellor David W. Smith, said that "each decision will be based on many factors including proposed property (use), price and contingencies. It is our hope to maximize the financial consideration consistent with the needs of the communities we serve."

The Nuestra Senora del Carmen, built in 1910, has an impressive facade of granite

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Higher fees, lower taxes?

Plan to rein in benefit costs would increase certain fees

By Andrea Gregory

Parents might have to pay \$800 more for all-day kindergarten, and 18 percent more for school lunches, if Andover adopts a new policy supported by the Finance Committee.

The policy would require departments that use grants and fees to create new positions to also pay the costs of these new employees' benefits through grants and fees. Selectmen expect to vote on the plan Jan. 3.

"It's pure logic. It's pure accountability," said Selectmen Chairman Brian Major, who wants to adopt the policy. "We are trying to put logic in the process. It doesn't make sense to accept a grant to put yourself in the hole."

However, School Committee members and school officials voiced strong resistance to the proposed change during a meeting last week.

School Business Manager Bernie Tuttle said the schools use three or four grants to fund certain positions.

"If you tell me I have to take care of overhead, those 20 positions cut down to 17," he said. "Now, those other three positions have to come out of the general budget."

He said cafeteria cost would jump 18 percent and all-day kindergarten would go up \$800. Tuttle said the fear was Andover schools would be pricing themselves out of the market.

"We want to price ourselves lower so we can get some business," said Superintendent Claudia Bach, adding "Parents are paying for lunch. I just want you to remember who is paying the bill."

Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden said the warnings from school officials really illustrate how expensive employees' benefits, such as health insurance, are for the town.

"I think those are examples of how high health insurance is. I haven't heard better examples," said Marden.

Town officials also argued the schools are not mak-

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UROLOGIST PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Police: More women accuse doctor

By Andrea Gregory

Since a woman claimed her Andover doctor sexually assaulted her, Andover police say other women have also contacted them to make similar charges.

A 31-year patient of Dr. Erol Onel was the first to accuse the doctor of sexually assaulting her during an examination. Onel had been working as a urologist in Doctors Park at 140 Haverhill St.

Onel, 37, of Boston, was arrested by Andover Police on Nov. 22 for the alleged attack, which police said happened June 1. He is accused of straddling the woman's leg and rubbing against her.

Onel pleaded not guilty to one count of indecent assault and battery on a person over the age of 14 during his arraignment on the same day as his arrest. He will be back in court Jan. 6 for a pretrial conference, said Steve O'Connell, spokesman for the District Attorney's office.

Since the arrest, other women have come forward with similar claims against the Andover urol-

ogist, investigators said.

"The original person who came forward, she had a lot of courage doing that and it has brought other people forward," said Sgt. Don Pattullo, an Andover detective.

He would not say how many other women have come forward or how many investigations involve Onel.

The incidents Andover police are investigating go back several years, Pattullo said. Onel has been a licensed doctor since July 1999.

Police are investigating each case individually. After a report is created, the findings are submitted to the District Attorney's office, where the decision is made on whether to bring charges, said Pattullo.

O'Connell said he could not comment on any ongoing investigations involving Onel.

Pattullo said it could take months before additional charges could be brought against the doctor. He said the original allegation was filed in the sum-

mer.

Pattullo said he is also aware that Methuen police are investigating a similar alleged incident involving the doctor that reportedly happened in 2003.

Pattullo said often people do not report sexual assaults out of fear that others will not believe them. But believing they are not alone can make women such as the ones who recently came forward feel less nervous, he said. Pattullo said, because Onel is a doctor, some women might have felt that it would be hard to prove or convince people of their claims.

Onel, who was released on personal recognizance, was ordered to stay away from the woman who made the initial allegation. If convicted, he could face up to five years in prison. He has signed a voluntary agreement to abstain from practicing medicine until the state Board of Registration decides if he should face disciplinary action. He could face suspension or lose his license, depending on the board's findings.

Onel's lawyer, William Crowe, did not return phone calls seeking comment.



Erol Onel: Will refrain from medical work

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Friday, Dec. 10 - At 12:30 p.m., Jose Mendez, 23, of 283 High St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with having a warrant out of Lawrence District Court.

At 3:17 p.m., Kelly Gavin, 35, of 33 Amesbury St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance and not having an inspection sticker.

Saturday, Dec. 11 - At 8:23 p.m., a 35-year-old Andover man was placed in protective custody.

Sunday, Dec. 12 - At 9:34 a.m., Roberta Milligan, of 3 Andover St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

Monday, Dec. 13 - At 12:36 p.m., Edwin Alexander Cruz, 24, of 231 Farnum St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance. He also had warrant charges for unlicensed operation, failure to stop and refusing to identify himself.

Tuesday, Dec. 14 - At 11:28 p.m., William Cropper, 35, of 32 Center St., was arrested and charged with his second offense for operating under the influence and a marked lanes violation.

THEFTS

Friday, Dec. 10 - At 7:46 a.m., a woman reported her pocketbook stolen from River Road. She told police one man distracted her by talking to her while another man snatched her pocketbook.

At 1:30 p.m., a package was reported stolen from Minuteman Road.

Saturday, Dec. 11 - At 10:57 a.m., a woman reported money was stolen from her home.

Sunday, Dec. 12 - At 11:32 a.m., a resident reported money stolen from her pocketbook. She told police she believed her adult son had taken the money.

Monday, Dec. 13 - At 8:49 a.m., a Clark Road resident reported the theft of her outdoor Christmas decorations.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 8 - At 1:28 p.m., a resident reported two hunters were hunting on Ward Reservation, which is illegal.

Friday, Dec. 10 - At 2:31 p.m., a Center Street resident reported finding two syringes across the street from her house.

At 7:15 p.m., a woman reported being threatened over the phone.

Saturday, Dec. 11 - At 11:28 a.m., a resident reported hearing gun shots in the Ward Reservation. Police did not see any vehicles parked near Ward Reserva-

tion, but said people were hunting on private property in North Andover.

Sunday, Dec. 12 - At 10:21 p.m., police issued a summons for possession of a class D substance.

Monday, Dec. 13 - At 3:22 p.m., an employee from Sundays General Store reported problems with the railroad crossing gates on Andover Street. The Railroad Department was notified.

At 10:04 p.m., a neighbor reported after-hours construction taking place at 69 Park St.

Tuesday, Dec. 14 - At 9:51 a.m., someone from the Doherty Middle School reported graffiti at the school.

At 11:10 p.m., someone reported problems with the railroad crossing gates on Andover Street.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, Dec. 9 - At 1:54 p.m., a guest at the Wyndham Hotel on River Road reported someone broke into his vehicle while it was in the parking lot.

Sunday, Dec. 12 - At 2:06 a.m., it was reported that a Fossen Way resident's tire was slashed.

At 9:19 a.m., a Cross Street resident reported his tires slashed.

At 2:32 p.m., a River Road resident reported her tires slashed.

Tuesday, Dec. 14 - At 2:29 p.m., there was a report of a broken down school bus on North Street. Police reported the bus was repaired and back on its way.

VANDALISM

There were seven reports of vandalism.

COMPILED BY ANDREA GREGORY

Holiday crackdown

Beefed up patrols start tomorrow

The Andover Police Department crackdown on drunk drivers during the "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." mobilization, will occur Dec. 17 through Jan. 3.

The Andover Police Department will be one of 264 police departments throughout Massachusetts participating in this enforcement.

"During this holiday season, we'll have extra traffic enforcement looking for impaired drivers, as well as those who speed, drive aggressively, and do not use safety belts and child safety seats," said Chief Pattullo. "All of our efforts are to help ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season with family and friends."

Nearly 16,000 people are arrested annually for impaired driving in Massachusetts, said police. In 2002, there were between 100,000 and 110,000 Massachusetts licensed drivers with one prior operating under the influence arrest on their record and approximately 30,000 to 40,000 with two or more OUI arrests.

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IN BRIEF

Private youth foundation calls for selectmen to support youth programs

Looking to gain more support for youth programs, the Andover Youth Foundation has sent a letter to selectmen asking for a meeting with them.

AYF, the private group that has pledged to raise the millions

needed to build a youth center, recently said it will also begin raising money to help bolster the town's youth services department, which has been level-funded for the past few years.

The letter expressed concern

about both the town's funding of its youth services department, and officials' support for youth programs.

"It will be of little use to construct a youth center if the youth services program has withered

through lack of funds. We are committed to seeing that this does not happen, and at our recent meeting a unanimous vote was taken to become more pro-active in this area," the letter said, in part.

"In addition to Andover Youth Foundation itself assisting in raising funds to sustain the town program, our board felt strongly that the energy and commitment of town officials should be positive and supportive of AYS in terms of action and appropriate town funding."

The letter asking for a meeting to discuss support for the town youth services department was signed by President Larry Larsen and 14 other foundation members.

Holiday gift of life

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive next Thursday, Dec. 23 at the Old Town Hall, at 20 Main St. This drive will run from 1 to 7 p.m. Walk-in donors are welcome.

The winter months are an exceptionally hard time for the American Red Cross Blood Services-New England Region to collect the large quantity of blood needed to ensure a safe and sufficient supply for all area patients in need. With the chaos of the holiday season and school vacations, combined with the unpredictability of New England weather, there is a decline in the number of volunteer blood donors.

Last call for Santa pics

This Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17 and 18 mark the last weekend for people to get photos taken with Santa's helpers from the YMCA at Brickstone Square.

Web site used for Sean Ryan information

Last week's sports article "Ryan stands out as college coach," should have noted that much of the information about Sean Ryan came from the College of Charleston's Web site. The *Townsmen* regrets the omission.

Quote, unquote . . .

IT'S AMAZING. He's becoming the man of the house.

—Marie Santos, about the changes in her son Carlos since he started at a new school where he works for one day a week in Andover to pay for tuition. (Story in Education, page 21)

I HAVE LITTLE GRANDCHILDREN and it's a happy time with them, but it's also a sad time because the holidays remind me so much of my mother. (With a healing service) I can feel her with me. There are tears and memories, but it's not a downer here.

—Judy Whitney, an Andover nurse, on a "Blue Christmas" church service for those not feeling particularly joyous during the holidays. She is experiencing her first Christmas since her mother's death. (Story in Townspeople, page 9)

PEOPLE WANT THEIR DOGS to have the same comforts as they do.

—Myrna Zellan, whose business has literally gone to the dogs. Her new shop offers presents—including a pink velvet dog bed—just for canines. (Story in Business, page 12)

News Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 16

Housing Authority, 100 Morton St., 9 a.m.

Senior Center Task Force, Senior Center, planning sub-committee, 9 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 20

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 21

Senior Center Task Force, Town Offices, second floor, 6 p.m.

School Committee, School Admin-

istration Building, Executive Session, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 23

Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, third floor, 9 a.m.

(Please note the date for this meeting was reported incorrectly last week, according to the retirement office. The above date is correct.)

Thursday, Dec. 30

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 7:30 p.m.

Post Office: Clear path for vehicles

Andover Postmaster Nicolas R. Francescucci has asked for the cooperation of postal customers to keep walkways and curbside mailboxes clear of snow and ice to ensure the safe and efficient delivery of mail this winter.

"The Postal Service treats safety and service with equal priority," he said, "and we are seeking your help to ensure that you get the kind of service you

need and expect, and our letter carriers are safe from the perils they face during the winter."

Francescucci asked residents who receive mail delivery to rural or curbside boxes to keep the approach to and exit from their mailbox clear of snow, ice, vehicles, trash cans and other objects. "This will permit the carrier to drive up to your mailbox and deposit or collect mail without leaving the vehicle. The approach to and exit from the mailbox should be cleared sufficiently on both sides to allow the carrier to drive ahead and not to be required to back up after deliver," he said.

PAST AND PRESENT



OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MODERN DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The home at 116 Osgood St. was built in 1695 and has stood for generations as the photos above show. James Otis, a Revolutionary War veteran, was killed by lightning there on May 28, 1783.

Residents who have an older photo for this "Past and Present" feature are invited to stop by the paper or send the photo and information to the *Townsmen* at 33 Chestnut St.

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Farm shut, lawsuit expected

By Dorian Block

Two dozen neighbors and their children applauded and struggled to contain smiles, when the Board of Health voted to shut down the Nabydoski farm last night.

When the decision — which town officials and lawyers guaranteed will be the subject of court battles in the months to come — was final, board member Daniel Coleman reminded the audience to feel the weight of how this decision will affect farm owners Richard and Maxie Nabydoski.

"We have completely ended someone's career, possibly inflicted a certain health hazard on the owner, but I believe we've done a greater good tonight," Coleman said.

Scott Masse, the Board of Health's lawyer, said he will go to court this week to report that the Nabydoskis have not paid fines and have not complied with health standards, and therefore request that the farm should be shut down.

Before the animals and equipment can be forced off the property, farm owner Richard Nabydoski and his attorney can try to prove he has met the health standards required of him.

The farm has been the source of health hazards in town for almost a decade and Nabydoski was most recently ordered by Lawrence District Court to pay a \$1,000-a-day fine for causing levels of coliform bacteria 25 times what is considered accept-

able to the state by allowing animal feces to leak into nearby Pinnacle Brook.

The farm also draws hundreds of seagulls late in the fall each year, which neighbors say pick through trash and food given to farm animals, spreading the debris across the neighborhood.

Richard Nabydoski has said through his attorney that he is surrendering to his neighbors' and the town's demands by signing a purchase-and-sale agreement with developer William Johnson in October. He said he could not afford to bring the farm to compliance or pay the \$1,000-a-day fine.

Since Johnson signed the agreement, the Board of Health's strategy had been to work with him to clean up the farm. Johnson has begun investigating what it will take to bring the land up to standards and has helped the Nabydoskis pay for an environmental consultant, air cannons and additional fencing to keep the birds out in the past month. Neighbors say the efforts have not improved the situation.

The neighbors entered the meeting with shouts that the seagull situation is the worst it has ever been, and that they do not let their children play outside because of it. They collect photographs of the feces, bones, bags and food dropped on their houses.

Nabydoski's attorney Raymond Paczkowski, expressed sympathy for the neighbors, but

still defended his client.

"It is difficult to defend against the nuisance, but I can defend that the Nabydoskis are just simple farmers. This is all they have ever known," Paczkowski said. "They've come to this crossroads in life ... they've felt themselves forced to sell the farm."

For half an hour before the vote, neighbors worked to convince board members that it was unfair to wait for Johnson to clean up the farm. They used their frequent analogy that a farm causing a health hazard should be treated like a restaurant causing a health hazard. It should be shut down.

"You've got a fine you've made no effort to collect. The birds are still coming ... Now there's a developer, so what?" Bruce Raphael, a neighbor of the farm, said.

The neighbors fear Johnson will pull out of the deal, again leaving the farm to the Nabydoskis.

Johnson said he had no comment, quietly sitting in the back of the auditorium, while neighbors attacked the board's reliance on him as the town's "savior."

He has previously said the property is worth the headache. "These days, because land is scarce, every property has its challenges," he said.

Board of Health members Daniel Coleman and Candace Martin voted for a motion to shut down the farm. Douglas Dunbar voted against it.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

SHOWING COMMITMENT — The Andover High School Marching Band marches off the field at half time of the Thanksgiving Day football game. Members spend hours practicing each week.

After-school not afterthought

■ EXTRACURRICULARS

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coaches, contributed to creating a powerful force this year — both on the field and off.

In August, preseason training camp brought the team together in Tuftonboro, N.H., for four days of forging friendships and "living and breathing football."

"It was a family atmosphere this year," recalls captain Matt Hennessy. "We all depended on each other to succeed."

"It taught us discipline and respect," added Mike Cerchione, who plays both offense and defense for the team. "You came to practice every day and gave 100 percent during and after the game."

"The game has taught us all lessons and values to apply in any kind of situation, anywhere," says Hennessy. "By trusting and relying on one another, we developed a great degree of resiliency."

It was that kind of work ethic that served as a learning curve for their mentors as well.

For head coach Ken Maglio, the benefit of watching his students grow is something that cannot be measured by grades or exams.

"The heart of each individual on and off the field is bigger than anything I've ever seen," Maglio says. "They came to work every day, and they never complained, even when things got tough."

When the road took a rocky turn for the Warriors, it was often the high spirits and humor emanating from the coaching staff that helped the team press on.

Quirky superstitions, like Maglio's five drinks of water at the fountain before games, or his usual ham, cheese and salami sub the day before games kept the team laughing. Maglio himself said that during every game, he had always worn a retro Warriors jacket. But the one night the team lost, the old coat had been missing.

Over the course of a season marked with triumphs and tribulation, one lesson remains:

responsibility and hard work lead to success.

"We knew how great of a season we had," says Stevens, on regrouping after defeat. "We wanted to go out on the best note we could, and records didn't matter as much as our efforts."

"They showed character when others would have got discouraged and packed it in," says McNally. "Playing football will always be a part of their high school experience that helps

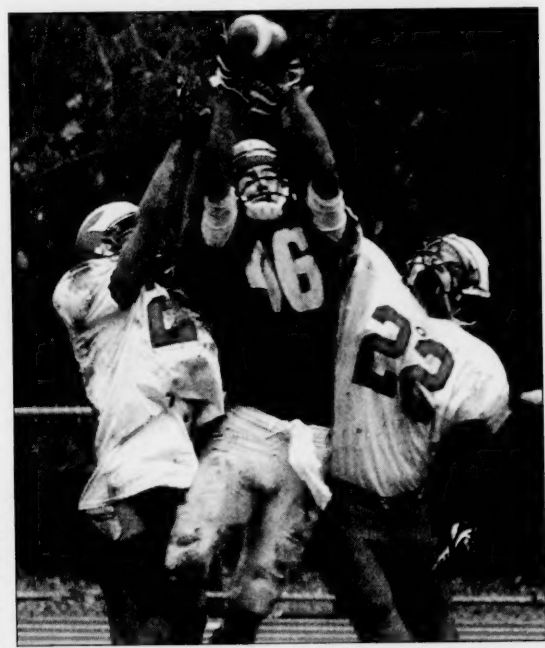


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OVERCOMING ADVERSITY — Receiver Buddy Farnham makes a touchdown catch between Central Catholic defenders during a 22-13 victory on Thanksgiving Day.

Unique sales: Area churches

■ CHURCH REAL ESTATE

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and stained glass windows and 60-foot ceilings inside. The assessed property value, consisting of four separate lots of church property, totals \$4,860,900.

"It's a beautiful place," said Harkins. "But it's in an historic district, so the outside of the building can't be touched."

Standing on Lowell's Smith Street since 1962, the Notre Dame de Lourdes Church is assessed at \$2,302,400.

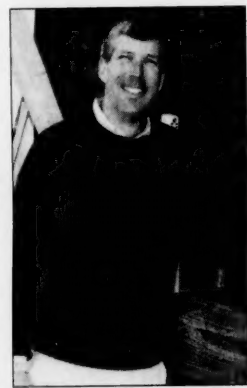
Harkins said he could not estimate how much the properties will actually sell for.

"You have to look outside the box," Harkins said. "It's not like selling a four-bedroom colonial with two and a half baths in an Andover cul-de-sac."

Instead, offered the realtor, what the property is worth is based on the value the buyer sees.

Last year, the archdiocese reached an \$85 million settlement agreement with more than 500 victims of sexual abuse. The amount of that settlement was determined by a state law limiting

the amount of damages a charitable organization is required to pay in a lawsuit.



FILE PHOTO

Michael Harkins, shown as his new office on Bartlett Street was being built, will sell two of the churches closing in Lowell.

In January, the archdiocese divided 357 parishes into five regions. By the end of its reconfiguration, an estimated 282 parishes will be serving the cities and towns that make up the Boston Archdiocese.

For more information on the Lowell churches for sale, readers can visit the site www.harkinsrealty.com.

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Elementary-school groups:

How to improve? Reduce class size

By Rita Savard

When it came down to drafting a school improvement plan for 2005, principals from Andover's six elementary schools reiterated a common concern: class size.

Representatives from grade schools throughout the district told School Committee members that crowded classrooms remain the No. 1 priority among parents and staff, and recommended modifying the town's policy on enrollment numbers.

"Take a class of 20 students, and look at the groups within that all have different learning abilities," said David Whitney, co-chair of West Elementary School improvement council. "We want all of those students to achieve excellence on mandated tests. But teachers need to be able to spend more time on teaching and less time on discipline."

Whitney told the School Committee at Tuesday night's meeting that research has proven numbers no higher than 15 students per class are important.

"The numbers we have now have been in place for 27 years," Whitney added. "Ratios that might have seemed reasonable 10 years ago are not as reasonable today."

The current Andover School Committee class size range standards, referred to as "too broad" by the school principals, lists 16-24 children per kindergarten class, 19-27 in first and second grade, and 21-29 in grades 3 through 5.

Principals in all schools proposed that no class size climb above the midpoint in those numbers: 20 for kindergarten classes, 23 for grades 1 and 2, 25 for grades 3-5.

School Committee Chairman Tony James agreed, saying that the committee was "absolutely committed" to keeping classes at the midpoint.

"You've come along and thrown us a curve ball," James said, expecting more of an emphasis on school restoration projects.

The chairman said reducing numbers much lower than the midpoint right now seemed fiscally impossible, as it would create a need for more space and more teachers.

Noting the losses felt at the elementary level due to recent budget decisions, Whitney asked the committee to consider investing some extra money now.

"Those cuts continue to have negative affects," Whitney said. "If we continue to

eliminate reading, technology and health teachers, what will the cost be to our children?"

School Committee member Dick Collins said that it was difficult to tackle the problem when Andover receives almost nothing in state aid.

"What you're saying is so true; it's a tragedy," said Collins. "It breaks my heart to see us punishing kids because we don't have enough money to run things properly."

Committee member Art Barber said that even though the economy has suffered, it will recover at some point. He suggested that the schools begin working on a plan now so that they can implement it when the time is right.

Barber said the committee would need to know how much more staff, space and costs would be required to decrease the number of students per class.

"The dialogue is usually good, but it becomes frustrating because nothing comes from the work," said Nina Senatore, community representative for South School. "Putting a stake in the ground for class size will really make Andover a leader."

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Solution to lead-in-water problem by January

By Rita Savard

Kitchen faucets in six town schools causing unsafe levels of lead to leach into the drinking water should all be replaced by January, according to the Andover Health Department.

Lead in school water lines and faucets exceeded the Environmental Protection Agency's safety standards, the town discovered this September. Since that time, town officials have been conducting frequent tests and installing new parts, valves

and piping where needed.

Health Director Everett Penney told fellow members on the Board of Health this week that an ongoing project to install new faucets at Andover High, West Middle, Doherty Middle, Sanborn Elementary, West Elementary and Bancroft Elementary should be completed over the schools' winter vacation.

Many faucets have already been replaced and schools have used flushing techniques to temporarily lower levels to safe EPA

standards in the water coming from old faucets.

"The health department's role has been limited to faucets in school cooking areas because they have the potential to affect large numbers of people," said Penney.

In the cafeterias, health officials found a particular problem with the kettles, open stainless steel bowls used for cooking large batches of pasta. Kettles typically hold up to 40 gallons of water. A goose neck faucet sits over the top of these kettles to

easily pour water for cooking.

"We've been measuring all the kettles every two weeks," said Penney, explaining that cafeteria staff usually flush the water for 30 seconds in the morning to ensure there are not unsafe levels of lead. He said the highest concentrations of lead are usually found in water that has sat in pipes overnight.

After all replacements are completed, Penney said another round of tests in January will determine whether the problem has been solved.

Covering benefits

HEALTH INSURANCE

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ing money by camouflaging the actual cost to run the program.

"If you are running a program, you can't say it is making money if it is costing the taxpayer," said Mar-den.

"The point is, if we are going to hire someone, let's make sure we cover all of the cost or it is going to hit somewhere else," said Major. "I don't think they should cut (all-day kindergarten), but they should properly fund it. They should fully fund it through the fees. I think that is what you will see," said Major.

One of the main issues driving the debate is the rising cost of health insurance for Andover employees. The town is paying twice what it paid in 2002, said officials, and grant-funded positions have contributed to the rise. That's the reason the Finance Committee brought its cost-saving idea to the Selectmen last Monday.

This week, Major said the selectmen should have already made the new policy official. They considered voting last Monday, but the

heavy opposition from school officials caused the board to hold off. Major expects the policy to be approved on Jan. 3. He said selectmen might vote before the scheduled tri-board meeting, and then discuss the details of the change with the other boards.

Major said if the schools hire more teachers through grants or fees, but fail to consider the overhead cost of benefits, they stick taxpayers with the bill. "The grant should cover it (all)," he said.

According to Major, the cost of benefits can be estimated at 35 percent of an employee's salary. He said hiring 20 new teachers at \$40,000 per year would add an additional \$280,000 for benefits. If the cost is not planned for in the overall budget, it will be paid for by reducing emergency accounts such as free cash, or by raising taxes.

"What we are saying is 'Plan better,'" said Finance Committee member Margaret Bradshaw during last Monday's meeting. "When people are applying for grants, think, 'What is the full cost of employees?'"

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Opinion

Reins needed

Andover has no money in its budget for raises. More of its once-large emergency "free cash" account is being used for its operating budget. Its health-care costs have doubled in a short time. And all these budget issues have happened before the town has considered constructing and operating new buildings on its radar, such as youth and senior centers, and a fire station.

That's why the Finance Committee's suggestion, to ensure new positions funded by grants do not add more to the budget, makes sense. There are more costs to adding a new position than salary alone. Benefits can account for about 35 percent of the salary cost, officials say. The town must be sure of what it is adding to the budget, and whether it can afford the total costs. If a position is added only because it is funded by grants or fees, then all costs should be paid by these means.

Reaching out

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL time of the year... well, for many Christians. But for plenty of others — those who have lost a loved one, for instance — it is the most difficult time of the year. While others are flooding the malls and tree lots, these people are flooded with memories and a swirl of emotions.

Services such as the "Blue Christmas" service offered at West Parish Church recently are a welcome addition to the community. We hope those struggling with emotions during the holiday will find some way to share their feelings with others, so that their friends and neighbors, or those in similar situations, might in some way ease their grief.

HANGMAN



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Shane Kearney hangs a wreath at the Andover Youth Services tree lot inside the skate park. The AYS tree lot will remain open until all the trees are gone, or Monday, Dec. 20.

LETTERS

St. Augustine Discrimination breeds problems

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I read with dismay the column in the Nov. 25 *Andover Townsman* about the stealth termination of Diane Espindle who had served as a St. Augustine CCD teacher faithfully for 24 years. Punishing someone for being an advocate of a legal right that has been established does not make much sense — this would be like punishing someone for supporting the legal decisions handed down in cases such as *Brown v. the Board of Education* or *Miranda v. Arizona*. Therefore, one can only assume that Rev. William Cleary's act is rooted in homophobia, either his own or, more likely, that of the Catholic hierarchy. At the very least, based on insight I gained from a recent two-day diversity training program at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Cleary's act would appear to be evidence of prejudice, whether conscious or subconscious, against which we as institute managers were warned. With its collective wisdom and experience distilled over centuries, the Church leadership should know that these seemingly small acts of discrimination nurture seeds of hatred and encourage acts of brutality. History is replete with awful examples of such brutality, including the death by beating of Matthew Shepard in 1998. None of these atrocities happened spontaneously; all of them grew out of numerous small injustices and acts of discrimination akin to the dismissal of Espindle.

My children are in the St. Augustine CCD program. A family member assured me that the type of prejudice demonstrated by Cleary would not be part of the CCD curriculum. Clearly, she was mistaken. Preventing Espindle from teaching CCD because she supports gay rights is disturbingly similar to the once common but abhorrent practice of posting messages such as "Irish need not apply" and "Whites only." Clearly there is no room in the Catholic Church for homosexuals and those who support their rights. Despite its flawed leadership, the Church is a fine institution that performs many good works; however, it should set an example by not tolerating intolerance.

Robert G. Millar III
64 Central St.

UCC ads attack other Christian congregations

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The article "Marketing God" addressed how God has been and is currently marketed. For the most part I thought that the article was well balanced. However, the nature of the advertising was not addressed.

Take a look at the contrast between the UCC and the "got purpose?" advertisements. The later ad's intent is to get attention and offer to anyone who desires the opportunity to learn more about God's purpose for their lives. There is no requirement to first think or believe a certain way. It is not one "Christian brand" trying to take "cus-

tomers" from another brand. Jesus did not say "go forth and compete with each other in all nations."

In contrast, look at the negativity in the UCC ad. It attempts to get "customers" other than by a positive message of acceptance. Rather, it unfairly attacks other Christians simply because they continue to hold to a Scriptural view that marriage is between a man and a woman.

Instead of trying to explain why they think the traditional view of marriage is wrong, the UCC chose to characterize Christians who don't think like they do as bigots hating not only

homosexuals, but also those in wheel chairs and anyone not of the right social class. I have not seen the ad and am relying on the description of it in the article. This style of advertising is no different than the political attack ads that we all have recently endured in the presidential race.

Unfortunately, distorting the truth and demonizing the other side works for political campaigns. Does UCC believe that negative ads work much better for marketing their "brand" than simply stating what they believe and why?

Robert Youell
21 Blood Road

Political parties need to be more tolerant, not Church

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Recently, the opinion pages of your newspaper have been littered with misperceptions about the Catholic Church. These include the notion that the Church is violating the doctrine of separation of church and state, that it is overstepping its mission by censoring political views of its members, that it is "driving away" members of the congregation who disagree with these policies, and that this position, when followed to its logical conclusion, would exclude Catholics from public office.

The establishment clause in the First Amendment was intended to protect religion from government interference, not the other way around. No judicial precedent prevents religious leaders or their congregations from debating public policy. Nor is there a constitutional prohibition against civil laws that are inspired by religious values, so long as they are enacted democratically and do not violate the Constitution. In fact, there is already considerable overlap with religious law.

From the outset, the mission of the Catholic Church has included spreading its message and instructing believers on how to live their lives. Some Catholics argue that they are not violating Catholic doctrine as long as they agree to be guided by God's law in their own lives, even if they do not support civil laws that impose those rules on others. The Pope disagrees. And since he is the ultimate earthly authority on Catholic doctrine, they are, by definition, challenging Catholic doctrine.

The response of the Church toward members of the congregation who challenge its doctrine is

strikingly different from the hysterical descriptions in your newspaper. They have not been "driven out" of the congregation. They have only been removed from leadership roles or from roles involving the teaching of Catholic doctrine. Absent these roles, they are no different from 95 percent of their fellow parishioners. Any exile from the congregation is self imposed. This hardly qualifies as an inquisition.

The most absurd charge is that this doctrine would prevent faithful Catholics from serving in elected office. The church has no quarrel with them, so long as they use their position of influence to fight for what is right. If their political party cannot tolerate them following their conscience on a moral issue, then it is the party that needs to be more tolerant.

I understand why moral relativists fear the prospect of public policy being guided by religious values. There have been many instances when distorted interpretations of religious texts have been used to justify acts of violence and hatred. These distortions, tragic as they may be, do nothing to diminish the enormous positive influence that people of faith, with proper guidance, have had on our society throughout the ages. We must never sacrifice this positive force for good out of fear of evil. The genius of our founding fathers was that they understood this very point, and managed to design a system of government "under God," with a system of checks and balances to ensure "liberty and justice for all."

Dale Gillette
4 High Vale Lane

Turned off by Church's 'heavy-handed efforts' long ago

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Three cheers for Don Miller, Karen English, Mike Kempster, Perry Karfunkel, and all who have written so eloquently about the looming dangers of theocracy. I was appalled, but hardly surprised, by Rev. William Cleary's callous dismissal of Barbara L'Italien and Diane Espindle from their long-cherished lay positions at St. Augustine Church. His shockingly un-Christian actions caused two good women who were serving God to suffer terribly, all because they expressed opinions outside St. Augustine Church concerning the civil (as opposed to religious) rights of people unconnected to St. Augustine Church. What, please, does that

have to do with St. Augustine Church?

I understand Cleary's duty to guide his parishioners' behavior, but neither L'Italien nor Espindle did anything wrong. They simply used their God-given intelligence and voices to formulate and express political opinions. In this country that's still known as freedom of speech, and as of this writing, no cleric yet has the right to publicly humiliate people who speak their own minds outside of church. Why did God give us intelligence, if he didn't mean for us to think?

Let me be clear: I mean no offense to those who have chosen to remain Catholic parishioners, as has most of my

extended family. My problem is with the Church hierarchy and its heavy-handed efforts at control. When did Jesus instruct the humble founders of his Church to become rich, powerful, intolerant, misogynistic, close-minded, self-righteous, and completely disconnected from us mere humans? When did he tell them to involve his Church in politics or government, especially in a country where freedom of religion also means the freedom to follow no religion at all?

I became an ex-Catholic many years ago because I was turned off by the Catholic Church's bias against women and its blatant hypocrisy in forbidding dependable family plan-

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Web question

How far must grants, fees go?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question was: Should Andover sell town bonds to help collect money to build a youth or senior center? Residents would voluntarily buy the bonds and get a return on their investment, rather than paying taxes to build the centers. The money collected from selling the bonds would both be invested and used to build a center.

16 people voted.
• 5, or 31 percent, said, "This seems like a win-win situation. It could produce lower taxes, a return on investment for those who buy the bonds, and let the town build something many residents want."

• No one said, "Yes, for another reason."
• 5, or 21 percent, said, "Andover should at least look into the idea. Let's not dismiss it out of hand."

• 3, or 19 percent, said, "Town officials do not favor the idea and have done a good job using their current approach."

• 3, or 19 percent, said, "No, for another reason."

This week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question is: **Should the town accept a new policy proposed by the Finance Committee? It would require fees or grants to cover the benefit costs of employees who have been hired through the use of grants or fees.**

• Yes. Grant-funded and fee-funded positions have contributed to rising costs. Having grants and fees also pay for employees' benefits, like health insurance, would help remedy budget problems.

• Yes, for another reason.
• No. Cafeteria costs would rise 18 percent and all-day kindergarten would cost an extra \$800. There must be some other way to create new positions without further dipping into users' pocketbooks.

• No, for another reason.
• Other.
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SHOULD TOWN GIVE TEACHERS WHAT THEY WANT?

AHS teacher: It's an ethical issue

Editor, Townsman:

As an English teacher at Andover High School I am often engaged in discussions of moral dilemma with students in the classroom. Should John Proctor (*The Crucible*) confess to the crime of witchcraft to save his own life, even if it means condemning other innocent victims to die in shame and infamy? Is the character of Tim O'Brien (*The Things They Carried*) courageous or cowardly for choosing Vietnam over escape to Canada? Was Mama Younger (*A Raisin in the Sun*) right to move her family out of the inner city and into an all-white suburb where her family would be shunned, marginalized and even threatened? Did she save or destroy the family? If the Youngers were a Hispanic family from Lawrence, or a Cambodian family from Lowell, how would they be received in an Andover neighborhood? All of these dilemmas share a common thread. Each character is being forced to define what they believe in at great cost. Students love these questions. Their persistent idealism and sense of fairness in applying these dilemmas to their own experiences is impressive.

The paradox in all of this, and there is always a paradox, is that the very people who instruct such a value-based curriculum seem to be undermining the values they purport to uphold. How can a School Committee currently battling with teachers over fair pay increases truly be an advocate for quality education? It is not possible, not logical, to think that the educational experience of students will be improved by adding more students to teachers' roll books, and/or by eliminating teaching staff, an inevitable result of the proposed "six course" solution. How do students gain when teachers who are ready to retire are forced to work an additional

year to maintain financial security in retirement? The School Committee has a responsibility to work on behalf of students, teacher, and staff. Somehow they have lost sight of this purpose. They seem intent on proving to the town that good education doesn't have to cost much. The evidence suggests otherwise.

As the research and negotiation process recently revealed, communities that spend more money per pupil outperform their more frugal counterparts. Yes, the budget is tight. There are conflicting needs in the Andover community. Students need to be learning, teachers and educational staff need to be compensated, residents need a reasonable tax rate, buildings, streets and sewers need repair, the list goes on. Where do you cut? The essential question for Andover residents and government is this: Do you value quality education for Andover students? If the answer is yes, it simply does not make sense to balance the budget at the expense of fair compensation for the very people delivering the product you value. The teachers in Andover determine the quality of education in Andover. Buildings, technology, parking lots, supplies, even administrators, while important, exist to support the teacher in the classroom. That is where learning happens. Yes, there are a lot of us. Yes, providing a fair wage for so many employees is expensive. But what is the alternative? Andover faces a financial and ethical dilemma it will face again and again. We are asking of Andover citizens what we ask of Andover students on a daily basis. Take the lessons learned in the classroom and apply them to life. The time has come to make a choice. Your teachers are waiting.

Jennifer Meagher
Lowell

Groton-Dunstable teacher on AHS workload: Teachers should carry more classes

Editor, Townsman:

I'm an Andover resident, a high school science teacher in the Groton-Dunstable Regional School District and a member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association. I feel the Andover teacher's union has not been totally honest in their insistence that the teaching time at the high school is typical for the state. Most high schools that have block scheduling require full-time employees to teach six course sections or blocks per school year. This is the work load I've experienced during the past five years. Currently, I'm teaching two biology classes and one ecology and in January I'll be teaching two anatomy and physiology classes with another ecology class. I find the work load reasonable and fair.

At Andover High School, the teachers have five blocks

with a duty. A duty consists of monitoring the cafeteria, halls etc. I feel a teacher's time is best spent in the classroom.

The five-block schedule translates into teaching three courses for one half of the school year, but only two for the other half. When teaching two blocks, the teachers are only providing classroom instruction for 50 percent of the school day. It's easy to understand the union's reluctance to

change this work schedule. Most school districts consider a five-course schedule a .84 position, but at Andover its full-time. A math analogy would be working 34 hours for a 40-hour pay check. The teachers in the entire district deserve a fair raise, but it's time for the high school teachers to carry a full teaching load.

Charles Fittz
34 Chandler Road

The math analogy (for AHS) would be working 34 hours for a 40-hour pay check.

Estranged Catholic now Episcopal

ST. AUGUSTINE

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ning while looking the other way as the vast majority of Catholics very sensibly practiced it. Does my exit from Catholicism mean that I deserted either God or morality? Hardly. I have been a member of an Episcopal church in a neighboring town for nearly 20 years. I sing in the choir, conducted the children's choir for a time, and teach Sunday school. I pray daily for God's guidance. The rector and I get along fine, and he is very pleased to have me and my family in church.

We disagree with him on certain social issues like gay marriage, but this good man would never dream of insisting that we change our views to suit him for any reason. Neither would we ever insist that he perform gay marriages in his church for any reason. I am so thankful that my family and I have been guided to a religious denomination where we are not forced to check our individuality and our minds at the church door. Heaven forbid that a day should ever come when that is no longer true.

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Refusing to admit fault

KARTELL

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the hearing with her sister, Judit Vajda, 24, of Cambridge. A third daughter, Eszter Vajda, 33, of North Carolina, was unable to make the trip.

"I feel sorry that he hasn't admitted it," Bernadett Vajda said. "He'd be on his way to healing. This is the man who killed our father and he needs help. I don't think he's a threat to society, but he's out of touch with reality."

She said she and her sister were not allowed to address Kartell directly at the parole hearing, and that he was not permitted to talk to them.

But as Kartell, 65, walked into the room, wearing jeans and with his hands and legs shackled, she said they looked directly into the former doctor's eyes and that he returned a cold, unemotional glance acknowledging their presence.

"He kind of just had this stone look in his eyes as he walked in. He had a cold face. We saw nothing to express any kind of responsibility or remorse for what he had done," Bernadett Vajda said.

She also said he had apparently gained weight and she was told he had several heart problems and heart surgery. "He didn't look well," she said.

The Parole Board questioned Kartell about why he brought his gun into the hospital when hospital rules prohibited carrying a firearm. Kartell told the board he wasn't aware of such rules, but that didn't help his case, Bernadett Vajda said.

She said she drew no satisfaction from the parole hearing, already resigned to the fact that Kartell will never serve the

time in prison she believes he deserves for killing her father. However, she said she and her sisters have survived the ordeal and have come out of it stronger.

"Our dad's life was taken by this man. So, of course, we were all angry. But you become immobile if you carry that anger forward," Bernadett Vajda said. "He took our dad's life, but we weren't going to allow him to take ours, too. We took back control of our lives and have moved on."

Vajda was 56 when he was killed.

One of the parole board members commended Kartell for his "good institutional behavior," while adding that he "has remorse" and is "ready for community supervision."

But that was a minority view not shared by the other two members.



James Kartell during his sentencing in 2000.

REMEMBER WHEN

Disappearing act: Town's little stores



Bill Dalton

dime, was run out of a drawer and a robbery of such a place would not only be financially unproductive but doomed to failure as most of these stores required travel down a Byzantine layout of streets the felonious mind was incapable of comprehending.

These neighborhood stores were places where a husband would be asked to stop by and pick up bread and milk on the way home and where kids bought candy and soda if they had some loose change.

There was one of these stores near where I grew up. Not by accident was it called the "Little Store." It was a wing that had been added to a house and was the size of a large living room. There wasn't a week that went by that I wasn't in that place at least once with one or two of my friends.

Twenty years ago, in the early days of my newspaper column, I received a letter from Nancy Blanchette, a reader who lived in Merrimac. She was originally from Andover, and her father, Harry Hyland, used to own a shoe store where the old Ford's Restaurant was - now the coffee and bagel store, Bruegger's. Blanchette reminded me about the "Little Store."

Then she wrote about a similar store near the Little Store. She wrote, "A house on Summer Street near Elm (in Andover) had a little convenience store in the front room. The candy case was a winner - beer barrels, lime

balls, Mary Janes and Boston-baked beans (candy covered peanuts) that the proprietor would scoop out of a jar with a tiny wooden barrel (that would be a penny's worth)."

I called Blanchette and she said the store was on the right-hand side of Summer Street, a couple of houses up from the intersection with Elm. She said that they used to stop in on their way from school and stock up on candy and that it felt kind of funny going into someone's house to buy things.

The little store I went to was on the corner of Summer and Washington streets. We entered off Washington, although the house itself faces Summer. When you look at the house today, you can see where the store was.

The two stores were only a few minutes' walk from each other, but I'm not sure they operated at the same time. I wonder how many of these little house-stores existed in Andover's neighborhoods?

They must have carried the same items: milk, bread, butter, magazines, tobacco products, newspapers and, of course, candy and ice-cream bars. The stores were a major convenience to a society that lived in a time when a family was lucky to have one car. And there is no question how much the kids enjoyed them. Very often, at the beginning of a weekend day, I'd get a call from a friend saying he'd meet me at the Little Store in 15 minutes. We'd both hope the other might have a few pennies for an early morning sugar hit.

As has become the case in recent years, to find old-style neighborhoods, you have to travel to the city where small stores - not necessarily chain stores - still exist and the clerk knows who you are. In an earlier column this year, I wrote about single-movie theaters also existing in such urban neighborhoods. In suburban places like Andover, the advent of the second family car allowed for groceries to be more often purchased in bulk. The little stores disappeared, and zoning laws assured they'd never return.

Bill Dalton is a former selectman and resident who now lives in Atlanta, Ga.

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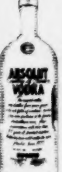
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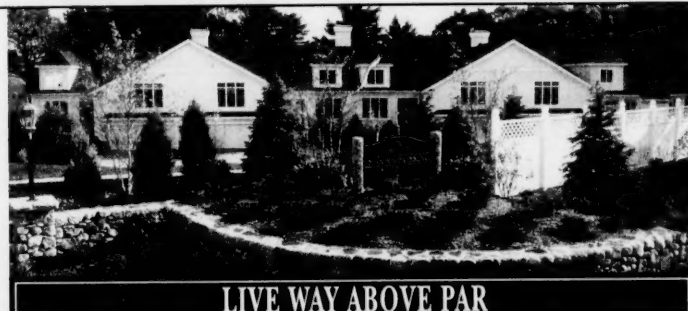
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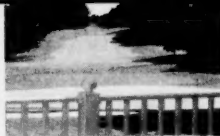
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Townspeople



West Parish's Blue Christmas service is well-received

By Judy Wakefield

LOW LIGHT, SOFT MUSIC AND SOBBING coming from West Parish Church may have left an outsider wondering about such sadness during the holiday season.

The truth is, it's a tough time of year for many people and the United Church of Christ affiliated church on Reservation Road has been reaching out to help for the past three years.

The church holds a Blue Christmas service in early December. This year, it was held two weeks ago on a Thursday night and about 50 people attended. Attendees were there for a variety of reasons, such as the loss of a loved one this year, illness, divorce or the loss of a job. But they were united in their melancholy, and service organizers say it's important for people who simply don't feel like celebrating to get together during the holidays.

"Not everyone feels like singing *Joy to the World*," said Suetta Tenney, an internist from Andover who is a member of the West Parish committee that organized the Blue Christmas service.

"Healing services like this show people that they have a place when they are feeling broken and that's important.

"Christmas is not always easy or fun or happy — suicides and depression markedly increase," she added. "Blue Christmas is an invitation to acknowledge and honor whatever is our personal or collective darkness."

The West Parish Blue Christmas service included lighting four candles, which represented feelings of sorrow, courage, memory and hope. In addition, people wrote the names of loved ones on paper stars and decorated several small Christmas trees in the church with the stars. There was a rocking chair for anyone who felt like sitting in it while taking time for some personal reflection.

There were readings from the Bible in between the candle lightings along with the sounds of soft sobs.

But that was OK with the crowd, as healing services encourage people to let go of their feelings and cry if they want to.

"It was a place to feel," said Judy Whitney, a nurse at Shawsheen Medical Associates in Andover, who is experiencing her first Christmas without her beloved mother. Her mother died last spring.

Whitney attended Blue Christmas with her 92-year-old father and her son and said she surely sees the need for the service: the holidays are supposed to be a "happy time" but many people are feeling down due to the loss of a loved one this year.

"I have little grandchildren and it's a happy time with them, but it's also a sad time because the



holidays remind me so much of my mother," she said.

"(With a healing service) I can feel her with me. There are tears and memories, but it's not a downer here. You can feel blue and acknowledge your feelings," Whitney said.

Tenney, a mother of three teenagers and a longtime advocate for connecting medicine and spirituality to heal, said finding support is what healing services are all about.

"People are most likely to isolate (during difficult times) but you need support the most at these times," she said.

In addition to the annual Blue Christmas service, West Parish also holds an annual spring healing service, and this year's service is now being planned. Tenney said many houses of worship offer healing services these days, as the demand is there.

"I would encourage every faith to do it," she said.

"There definitely is a need."

TOWNSMAN GRAPHIC BY JACK GRADY

◀ Feeling blue during the holidays does not have to stay bottled up. Healing services, like the recent Blue Christmas service at West Parish Church, help people deal with the emotions that can often flare up during "holiday celebrations."

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Below, from left: Mary Arakelian; Rev. Thomas McMillan, senior pastor of West Parish Church; and Dr. Suetta Tenney show how to put stars on a tree for the Blue Christmas service. Tenney, an Andover internist, helped organize the service. ▼

"Not everyone feels like singing 'Joy to the World'."

SUETTA TENNEY



"I am doing this for the kids," said Felter. "This is the most fun

fund-raising event ever. There has been no event that is more fun to do than this. Doing this type of event goes to show Scrooge is gone."

"The Boys and Girls Club is a great organization. I'm happy to do it. It's nice to see that people have the spirit of Christmas," said Hanson.

The Santa crew met in Wal-Mart at 6 p.m., where they were handed their suits and given the chance to warm up their voices. Wal-Mart was the major corporate sponsor with a \$2,000 donation. Each Santa and elf pitched in \$150 for the honor of wearing the suit.

Then they rode the bus through four towns, making stops at more than a dozen restaurants. The festive group made three Andover stops and sang past midnight.

They piled into Palmers Restaurant and Tavern, Dylan's Bar and Grill, and Glory. Crowding into restaurants

during the Friday dinner rush, Santas and elves danced and sang through the dining rooms while collecting donations for the cause.

Before they popped in on the Palmers crowd, restaurant owner John Ingalls looked around his packed lounge.

"Forty of them — I don't know where we are going to put them," he said, but all the same he welcomed the visit. "It's nice. It gets everyone in the spirit."

At Glory, the house band picked up the tempo and many of the restaurant patrons joined in with the chorus. The request for *Jingle Bell Rock* was a smashing hit.

After a quick performance at each destination, it was back on the bus, where the spirit of the holiday and contagious smiles were shared.

"The singing and stuff kept going, even on the bus. No one lost energy," said Major. "It was a lot of fun."

Singing Santas raise money, spread holiday cheer

A bus full of spirited Santas

By Andrea Gregory

THE REAL SANTA CLAUS may travel in a sleigh, but when one has to transport more than 40 Santa's helpers, it is better to rent a bus.

That's just how 42 Santas and elves got around the Merrimack Valley Friday night, laughing and caroling all the way.

The trip was about more than spreading holiday cheer. To raise money for the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club, members of the Kiwanis Club its Key Club, a high-school level of the organization, dressed the part of the most famous gift-giver. All over the Merrimack Valley, the giving spirit could be seen and heard as the bus doors opened in front of local restaurants.

The Santas sang their hearts out and went through just about every carol in the book while shaking jingle balls and donation jars to support a cause close to their hearts.

The Kiwanis Club made a promise to the community to raise \$30,000 in three years to fund an aquatic safety program at the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club. The idea to fund such a program followed the tragic loss of four Lawrence boys who fell through the ice and drowned in the Merrimack River in 2002.

"(Raising money) gives us a

Singing Santas and Elves file into another establishment last Friday night to spread cheer and raise money for a good cause.

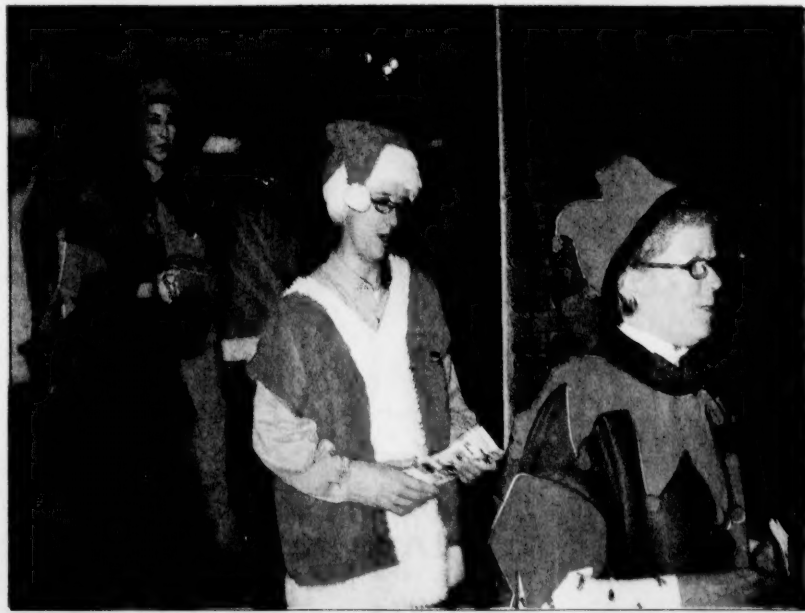


PHOTOS BY ANDREA GREGORY

On the road again — More than 40 Santas and helpers regaled dinner patrons in a number of restaurants Friday night.

lot of satisfaction, too. That program reached 800 kids. We will never know how many kids were saved," said Jeffrey Shank,

including the library's Norma Gammon, Town Clerk Randy Hanson and Finance Committee member Tim Felter.





COURTESY PHOTO

Playing the part of Shepherds in West Parish Church's outdoor pageant are: Rachel Margolese, Michaela Olson, Eddy Blake, Brian Wivell, Joseph Vano, Miller Blake.

Flocking to the Arch

28th annual outdoor pageant is Sunday

West Parish Church will present its 28th annual outdoor Christmas pageant this Sunday, Dec. 19, at 5 p.m.

Andover residents Philip, Stephanie and Hailey Doherty will play the parts of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus as the historic West Parish Garden Cemetery Arch once again becomes the entrance to Bethlehem.

This annual reenactment of the Christmas story includes a cast of children, youth and adults and a stable of live animals. Through drama, narration, and carols the audience shares in the miracle of Christmas as Mary and Joseph arrive in Bethlehem, the shepherds seek out the manger, and the wise men bring their gifts. The biblical account of

Jesus' birth and modern-day stories such as the "Littlest Angel" and the "Little Drummer Boy" are included in the reenactment.

During its 28-year run, many past and present Andover families have been involved with the pageant. This year, Blake Martin will portray Basil, the Innkeeper, and Jim Olson is the narrator.

The public is invited to attend the free half-hour performance of gospel narration and choral accompaniment, and to photograph the living Nativity scene and to enjoy refreshments in Fellowship Hall after the pageant. Non-perishable food items will be accepted at the archway prior to the pageant, and donated to local food pantries.

The church will hold its Christmas Sunday Service at 10 a.m. on Dec. 19.

There will also be two Christmas Eve services open to all: a family service at 5 p.m., and a candlelight service at 11 p.m. Both evening services celebrate with carols and readings. The public is invited to join these special services at the church.

West Parish Church, United Church of Christ, which calls itself "an open and affirming church," is located at 129 Reservation Road, at the intersection of Route 133 (Lowell Street) and Shawshen Road.

For more information, call the church between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 978-475-3528, or visit the Web site at westparishchurch.org.

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FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Senior Center 2005 Calendars: The senior center 2005 engagement calendars are here. If you participate in one of our classes or programs, you might find yourself featured in one of our monthly pictures. Calendars make great holiday gift items or stocking stuffers. They're available at the center for a \$3 donation.

Holiday Entertainment and Egg Nog Social: You're in for a real treat when members of the Lowell Opera Company will perform at the senior center on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 1 p.m. The chorus will perform a non-operatic sounds of the season concert including a vocal arrangement of the *Nutcracker* and a sing-along of holiday favorites. The center's own Sunset Tappers tap dance troupe will also perform. An eggnog social will wrap up the festivities for a great afternoon. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the center on an advance-purchase basis only.

Exercise Registration: The winter semester of exercise classes begins this week for Tai Chi, men's exercise, water workout, senior modified yoga, easy exercise, low-impact aerobics, tap dancing or women's strength training. Most classes still have openings; the winter semester will begin this week

and run through Feb. 25.

Pain Management Class: Begins Tuesday, Jan. 11 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; 10 weeks; \$30. Learn how to effectively manage and decrease symptoms while increasing your functionality. Instructor Gerry Rainsville is a nurse educator who served as an adviser for eight years to patients with chronic pain at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, as well as the Mind/Body Institute at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. We encourage anyone struggling with this issue to take advantage of this important program. Those registering for this course may also take our easy exercise class at no additional charge.

Creating Photo Keepsake Albums: Begins Tuesday, Jan. 18 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.; 4 weeks; \$40. Are your photos a mess? Are they in boxes, drawers or albums that are causing them to become yellow and damaged? Make a new year's resolution to participate in this great winter project and create scrapbook photo albums that will preserve your pictures, memorabilia and heritage for generations to come. Class fee includes instruction plus all materials and supplies. All you need to do is bring your pictures. Pre-register at the center.

Movie Matinee: Our next movie matinee will be Monday, Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. when we will watch the recent hit *Terminal*

starring Tom Hanks. Come on down and join us for a few laughs. Reservations are not necessary; just stop in.

Open Studio: Drop-in art group meets at the senior center every Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Everyone welcome, just bring your materials and join our other creative souls.

Currier Art Museum: We are now accepting reservations to the popular Andrew Wyeth exhibit at the Currier Art Museum in Manchester, N.H. Our trip is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 6, leaving the center at 10:15 a.m. Cost of the trip is \$20 with lunch on your own at the museum's cafe. Reservations may be made by stopping into the center; phone reservations cannot be accepted.

Podiatry Clinics: Home Health VNA conducts two monthly podiatry clinics at the center. Give us a call at 978-623-8321 for dates, times and appointments.

Fix-It Shop: Our fix-it shop will be open for business again on Monday, Dec. 20 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Our volunteers will be happy to take a look at any small appliance or household item in need of repair.

Sunrise Singers: If you like to sing, why not think about joining the center's choral group. The Sunrise Singers rehearse at the center every Monday morning at 9. Newcomers are always welcome.

AHS 1970'S MIDWEST REUNION



Members of the 1970 Andover High School football team reunited recently at the wedding of Don Peck's daughter, Bethany, to Ryan Call in Olathe, Kansas. Shown from left with their "favorite cheerleader," Eleanor Peck, are Larry and Don Peck, Brian Donahue and Don Coleman. The group also visited the Harry S Truman Library and Museum in Independence, Mo. Members came as far as Alaska and Japan to attend the wedding.

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OBITUARIES

Richard L. Steinert

Was 1943 Punchard grad

Richard L. Steinert, 79, of Coatesville, Pa. and formerly of Laurel, Md., died Monday, Dec. 6 at the VA Medical Center in Coatesville, where he resided for the past six years.

He was born in Cambridge and was a graduate of Punchard High School in Andover, class of 1943.

Mr. Steinert was retired after 22 years as a communications technician chief master with the US Navy and he was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

Members of his family include his wife of 57 years, Jacquelyn A. Handgren Steinert of Newark, Del.; daughters, Judith S. Rodemich of Elkton, Md. and Gayle M. Clayton of Chesapeake, Va.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. One brother and two sisters preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. at Ft. Myer Chapel in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Coatesville VA Medical Center Hospice, Bldg. 138, 1400 Blackhorse Hill Road, Coatesville, PA 19320.

Arrangements are by MacClean-Chamberlain Funeral Home, 339 West King's Highway, Rte. 340, Wagontown, PA 19376.

Roland I. Luken

Worked as a machinist

Roland I. Luken, 79, of Andover, died Thursday, Dec. 9 at home.

He was a machinist for Hudson and Haverhill shoe companies and Textron in Wilmington before retiring in 1979.

Born and educated in Wakefield, Mr. Luken served in the Coast Guard during World War II aboard the *USS Leonard Wood*, participating in the North African landing, the capture of Sicily, Marshall Islands and Marianas operations, the occupation of Soth Palau and the Leyte and Lingaven landings.

He lived in Andover for 51 years.

Members of his family include his wife of 54 years, Phyllis E. (Wheeler) Luken; son, Steven Luken and his wife

Diane of Groveland; daughters, Paula Croteau and her husband Charles and Diane Luken, all of Andover, and Pamela Richard and her husband Guy of Meredith, N.H.; brothers, Richard Luken of Epping, N.H., Robert Luken of Wakefield and Ronald Luken of Londonderry, N.H.; sisters, Marie Moore of North Carolina and Janice Rodriguez of California; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843.

Arrangements were by Crosswell Funeral Home, 19 Bow St., North Reading.

Florence L. Haskell

Academy Manor resident

Florence L. (Campbell) Haskell, 77, of Andover, died Monday, Dec. 13 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Haskell was born in Everett.

She was the widow of Raymond P. Haskell.

Members of her family include her daughter, Judith A. Townsend of Andover; sisters, Sue Arsenault and Marion Snow, both of Salem, N.H.; brothers, James Campbell of Manchester, N.H. and Robert Campbell of New Hampshire; three granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Arrangements were by the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Janice Goff

Longtime resident

Janice (Stafford) Goff, 57, of Andover, died Friday, Dec. 10 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Born in Malden, she attended North Reading schools.

Mrs. Goff lived in Andover for the past 40 years.

Members of her family include her husband of 40 years, Charles Goff; daughter, Elaine Robinson and her husband Charles of Andover; son, Kenneth Goff and his companion Joanne Taylor of Andover; brother, Fredrick of East Kingston, N.H.; two grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Arrangements were by Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

Eugene Eckoff

Regional sales manager

Eugene Eckoff, 76, of Andover, died Sunday, Dec. 12.

Born in Boston and raised in Providence, R.I., Mr. Eckoff was a graduate of Hope High School and Bryant College.

He was a member of the 45th Division 180th INF in Japan in the Army of Occupation and in Korea during the Korean War.

After his discharge, he sold RCA Victor records for 10 years in the Rhode Island area.

Later, he was a sales representative for Ronson Corporation Shaver/Appliance Division

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DEATHS ELSEWHERE

DIXON — Frank T. Dixon, 77, of Woburn died Wednesday, Dec. 8 at home. Members of his family include his daughter, Lorraine "Lori" Korte of Andover.

NEWCOMB — Daniel W. Newcomb, 49, of Newport, N.H., died Monday, Dec. 13 at home. Members of his family include his brother, James Newcomb of Andover.

in upstate New York and then became regional sales manager for the Northeast and Midwest for 25 years.

Mr. Eckoff was a member of Overseas Lodge No. 40, F&AM Masons, in Providence.

Members of his family include his wife, Sheila Eckoff; sons, David Eckoff and his wife, Christine, of Seattle, Wash., Harvey Eckoff and his wife, Dana, of Denver, Colo.; one granddaughter; and brother,

Burt Eckoff of New York, N.Y. Funeral and burial services were held in Warwick, R.I.

Friends and family may visit in Andover on Wednesday, Dec. 15 and Thursday, Dec. 16 from 2 to 8 p.m.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago — 1904

L.A. Belknap and Mrs. Belknap are at the Copley Square Hotel for the winter.

Miss Ida McTernan has accepted a position as bookkeeper for Erwin C. Pike, plumber.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. have a gang of men placing their wires in the square underground. The conduits were built some time ago.

A reception is being held at the home of Mrs. Katherine M. Poor in Frye Village in honor of her 90th birthday today.

St. Joseph's Fair, which was recently held in Ballardvale, proved a grand success. The gross receipts were \$1,711. Fr. Locke wishes to thank all who helped in the work and patronized the fair.

James Fairweather read an interesting paper on the brown-tail moth at a meeting of the Burns Club last Saturday evening.

The hunting season for this state closed last Wednesday and many local sportsmen took their last opportunity to take a shot on that day.

Inquests into the recent deaths of Ellen McDonald, who met her death by being run into by an electric car on the Haverhill and Andover street railway, and James Green of Andover, who was killed by being struck by an electric car on the Haverhill and Andover railway, are being held in Lawrence today.

Visit the candy stall, the prettiest one in all the hall. Kings Daughters' Fair is tonight. All are welcome. O Fudge! "Yes Indeed!" said the fair young lady at St. Valentine's booth. "Nice fresh fudge. How much do you wish?" King's Daughters' Fair tonight!

75 Years Ago — 1929

The slippery condition of the snow-covered road is believed responsible for an accident on the Andover-Reading Road Monday night as of 6 o'clock when a car driven by Louis S. Adams of 56 East Chestnut St., Everett, crashed into two trucks operated by Lawrence men. The three machines were badly damaged, the one belonging to Adams being nearly demolished, but no one was severely injured.

Joseph Henault, 18, of 7 Brechin Terrace, suffered the loss of the middle finger of his right hand Sunday afternoon at Lawrence General Hospital following an accident at his home earlier in the day, while he was cleaning a gun.

In Probate Court at Salem recently, inventories were filed on the following estates: Emma J. Arundale of Andover \$9,477.25; Ella Littlefield of Andover, \$21,831.36.

Confronted by an unknown young man at the corner of School and Central streets,

Robert M. Holliday, an undergraduate at Phillips Academy Andover, was held up and robbed of a small sum of money Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The holdup man who effected the daring robbery in broad daylight was described as wearing blue trousers and a grey striped blue overcoat and was about 5 feet 8 inches in height.

The Andover Police have discovered a new personification of modesty in Harold Carlson, 22, of North Tewksbury, who successfully beat up two holdup men in West Andover and thought no more about it until he told it in a matter of fact way to his father several hours later. The father, believed it to be serious enough, so he notified the police.

Miss Lillian Fox has returned to her house on Main Street after spending the week end at Wolfboro, N.H.

Miss Betty Wilson of Haverhill Street is resting comfortably at Lawrence General Hospital after undergoing an operation.

Clan Johnston 185, OSC will meet this evening in Fraternal Hall. After the business meeting a special meeting of those members of the clan bowling league will be held.

The ways and means committee of the Fraternal Building Association will hold a whist party next Thursday evening in Fraternal Hall. Thomas Gorrie is chairman of the committee.

50 Years Ago — 1954

The state department of natural resources has a crew of men working in this area, opening up wood roads on private property that were closed by the hurricanes.

Committees for Christ Church fair are expecting a large attendance when the annual event takes place Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. A baked bean supper will be served this evening.

Organizations that wish to take advantage of the free film loaning service offered by Memorial Hall Library are reminded that early booking is very important. The projector and trained projectionist made it possible for small groups to make use of films for entertainment or for discussion subjects.

Committees for the forthcoming play to be presented in January by the Andover Catholic Club have been announced by Paul Gibbons, club president.

A book for Christmas is still one of the most exciting gifts a child opens, and the selection becomes more difficult each year with the thousands of books written, for boys and girls. For those who need help, a suggestion list has been published and price included, and may be picked up at the library. There are several divisions by subject, such as Christmas sto-

ries.

The Cancer Detection and Prevention Center, an affiliate of the Boston Evening Clinic at 399 Commonwealth Ave., Boston is a public service dedicated to detect early cancer and precancerous conditions.

The Andover Savings bank has announced that it will offer the public an unusual opportunity next week to try its hand at distinguishing between counterfeit and genuine money.

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25 Years Ago — 1979

Town of Andover Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills are in the mail. Taxes are due and payable Jan. 4, 1980. After Jan. 4, unpaid taxes will be charged interest at 14 percent from Dec. 4.

The Andover Board of Health will hold a second influenza vaccination clinic Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the lobby of the Haven, 11 Essex St. This clinic is for those over 60 with chronic disease who were unable to attend the Nov. 28 clinic.

The consensus of selectmen Monday indicated they will vote extend from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. the hours which an establishment can legally serve alcoholic beverages on New Years Eve. The Sheraton Rolling Green Motor Inn requested the extension but selectmen chose to consider extending the limit on all alcoholic beverages licenses for that night for establishments that request it.

The special advisory committee, looking into Cable TV for Andover will hold a public hearing next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Memorial Hall Library.

A school closing here took on air of finality Tuesday night, as parents pinned School Chairman Elaine Viehmann down from "in the near future" to "at the end of this year." In an effort to step the tide of emotion at any one school, however, Supt. Kenneth Siefert was quick to add that the necessary redistricting would affect nearly every elementary school in town.

The Andover League of Women Voters held its annual Holiday Brunch on Thursday at

the home of Theresa Reichert, 49 Cheever Circle.

Four one-act plays will be presented in an informal theatre-in-the-round setting on the stage of Denworth Hall, Bradford College next Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. The evening of diverse theater is being produced by members of the college's directing class and presented under the auspices of the Bradford College Drama Department. There is no admission charge.

10 Years Ago — 1994

A foggy night slowed the normally steady flow of cars to a trickle Monday, but people still came to see the Brickstone Square Christmas Tree. Ray Reid and his fellow security guards watched "a caravan of Caravans," a stream of station wagons and a small number of other family vehicles come and go in the mist.

The School Building Committee is expected to announce tonight, Thursday, that the South School construction project will begin Monday at 9:30 a.m. Although details are sketchy, school officials have received a notice from Sharmen Lappin, the project manager, that a South School ground-breaking ceremony will take place.

Although officials are expecting Monday's special town meeting to plunk an additional \$600,460 into this year's school budget, the School Committee has not yet decided exactly how that money will be spent.

The League of Women Voters of Andover and North Andover will hold a workshop on running for public office. Town clerks Randy Hanson of Andover and Joyce Bradshaw of North Andover will participate.

The Merrimack Valley YMCA will hold its 115th annual meeting on Thursday at Bishop's Restaurant, 99 Hampshire St., Lawrence. The meeting will convene at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast. The meeting is the organization's largest annual event.

A little misinformation can go a long way. Apparently because the Andover Senior Center will not offer some of its popular classes in December, some people have been saying that the center will be closed for the entire month, according to Dorothy Bresnahan, Council on Aging chairwoman.

Compiled by Townsman intern Noelle Petrillo

Free film viewing portrays choices facing teenagers

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover will be showing the movie *Saved!* on Saturday, Dec. 18. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the film starts promptly at 7:15.

Sponsored by the Welcoming Congregation Committee, *Saved!* is a comedy that illustrates the tension between what a group of teens truly confronts in their everyday lives, as opposed to what is "acceptable" in their religious community.

It is rated PG-13.

For more information, check out the Web site at www.saved-movie.com. "The public is cordially invited at no cost. Feel free to bring snacks," organizers said.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsman* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

Questions? Call Jack Grady or Neil Fater at 978-475-7000.

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BRIEFS

Community honors for Gaines

Action for Boston Community Development honored Andover resident Gladys Aquino Gaines and 19 other volunteers at its 30th Annual Community Awards Dinner this fall. The gala celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Economic Opportunity Act. Award recipients were recognized for their individual contributions of voluntary time, effort, energy and talent, and for working in their communities and making their neighborhoods better places to live, according to ABCD.

Speakers included Robert Reich, Secretary of Labor during the first Clinton administration and now a professor at Brandeis University, and Glenn "Doc" Rivers, head coach of the Boston Celtics.

The Citywide Boston Hispanic Center applauded Gaines for her strong commitment to the Latino community and for her work in violence prevention. For more than 27 years, Deputy Superintendent Gaines has worked for the Boston Police Department. She is currently assigned to the Bureau of Professional Development, Training and Education, having previously served as commander of the Domestic Violence Unit. For the past 19 years, Gaines has been developing training modules for bilingual audiences that educate people about child- and elder-abuse issues, conflict resolution, crisis intervention and cultural competency. She has trained more than 7,000 law enforcement officers and presented before medical professionals, the criminal justice system and international audiences in South America and the Ukraine.

Gaines has been active in the Latino community in Boston for more than 20 years. She has developed educational programs, served on committees and task forces, and collaborated with local agencies all aimed at violence prevention. Says ABCD's Citywide Boston Hispanic Center Director Jenny Cintron, "Gladys has been so devoted to the Latino community over the years and we are blessed to have her. She is truly dedicated to educating this community on important issues, devoting countless hours of service to improve the quality of life for the Latinos in Boston."

Gaines has received many awards and citations, including the Mayor's Medal of Honor, the Clara Barton Meritorious Service Award and the Theodore Roosevelt Award. She holds a masters degree in criminal justice.



Gladys Aquino Gaines

Margolis first faculty associate for Jewish-Christian center

The Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack College recently announced the appointment of Deborah Margolis, assistant professor of education at Merrimack, as the first faculty associate for the center. In this role she will participate in developing educational programs, represent the center in the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, and guide the prospective new program of the center, the Holocaust Curriculum Project.

"I am honored to be the first faculty associate for the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack College," said Margolis. "I look forward to contributing to the important work already done at the center, while exploring other avenues for expanding that work."

Margolis was named the first Catherine McCarthy Memorial Scholar in Jewish-Christian Relations for her research on the experience of non-Christian children at Christmas time. The fellowship is administered by the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack College. A preliminary report on Margolis' research, "Santa Doesn't Come to My House: Challenging the Assumption that Everybody Celebrates Christmas" will be presented during the spring.

Margolis degrees include an Ed.M in counseling and consulting psychology from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and a doctorate in developmental and educational psychology from the Lynch School of Education at Boston College.

Mixing it up holiday-style

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Andover Country Club and Bank of America will present "A Happy Holiday" business networking mixer on Tuesday, Dec. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St.

There will be hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and a display table for literature. The cost for members is \$10, or \$15 for two people. Nonmembers pay \$20.

La Quinta buy means no 'Tage' at the inn

Andover's Tage Inn off River Road has been purchased and motorists on Interstate 93 will soon see a La Quinta sign.

La Quinta Corp. and Tage Inn Corp. have announced that La Quinta and its affiliates have acquired three Tage Inns in the greater Boston area from Tage Inn Corp. and its affiliates, for a total purchase price of approximately \$26 million in cash. This marks La Quinta's entry into the Boston market.

As part of the agreement, La Quinta Corp. has purchased the three-story, 181-room Tage Inn off River Road in Andover; the five-story, 89-room Tage Inn in Milford; and the seven-story, 148-room Tage Inn in Somerville. The Tage Inn in Somerville has been rebranded as La Quinta Inn &

Suites. Following renovations, the remaining hotels will be rebranded under the La Quinta and Baymont flags.

"This acquisition is consistent with La Quinta's growth strategy to enter key strategic markets,"

said Francis W. "Butch" Cash, chairman, president and CEO of La Quinta Corp.

"These high-quality hotels complement our current portfolio and underscore La Quinta's commitment to increasing market

share and brand presence by entering the Boston lodging market," he said.

La Quinta Corp. is one of the largest owner/operators of limited-service hotels in the United States. Based in Dallas, Texas, the company owns, operates or franchises more than 560 hotels in 39 states under the La Quinta Inns, La Quinta Inn & Suites, Baymont Inns & Suites, Woodfield Suites and Budgetel brands.

Based in Andover, Tage Inn Corp. was founded in 1989 by Joseph P. Tagliente and his son Joseph D. Tagliente with the construction and opening of their first Tage Inn in Milford, Mass. Since that time, Tage has added three new properties to its portfolio in Andover, Somerville and Manchester, N.H.

Hawthorne Suites officially takes over Comfort

The former Hawthorne Suites hotel at 4 Riverside Drive, off Interstate 93, is now operating as a Comfort Suites hotel.

The hotel will continue to serve extended-stay guests, such as those assigned to work at Andover businesses for several weeks or months.

Owned by Bayshore and operated by Bosscorp of Winchester, the Comfort Suites hotel features

84 suites, meeting facility, fitness center, outdoor pool and whirlpool, basketball court and barbecue area, business center, convenience store, seated breakfast area, guest laundry services and dry cleaning services.

The hotel features one- or two-bedroom suites that feature a separate living room with pullout sofa bed, computers and fully equipped kitchens.



By Rita Savard

What do you call a dog whose name is spelled in rhinestones? S-P-O-I-L-E-D.

But that is the idea at Little Lulu and Dot, a new boutique at 209 Andover St. catering exclusively to a canine-loving clientele.

Featuring the latest trends in designer doggie duds, bedding, accessories and more, the array of creature comforts inside this Ballardvale shop is sure to send some tails wagging.

"There isn't anything here that you'll find at another pet store," promises shop owner Myrna Zetlan. "We took the best and most unique items we could find from trade shows around the country and brought them here to Andover."

Having worked 25 years in the pet industry, Zetlan found herself making frequent trips to New York City and Miami's South Beach to purchase hard-to-find items for her own pampered pets.

When it comes to spoiling man's best friend, the lifelong Andover resident knew she was not alone. High-profile celebrities carrying privileged pooches in their designer bags have become common images in magazines, and, says Zetlan, many couples whose children have left home have turned their attention toward a four-legged friend.

Whether the sky's the limit, or a small reward is in order, Zetlan believes her merchandise can accommodate dogs - and budgets - of all shapes and sizes.

A dog's-eye view of the shop, at the entrance, shows decadent bakery treats that look edible enough for human consumption. Packaged to go in stylish take-out boxes, the assortment of fancy pastries ranges from \$1.50 to \$8. Zetlan also carries party packs, complete with treats and hats for birthdays.

"A lot of time and thought was put into the types of products we have," says shop manager Lindsay Malenfant. "People and their pets will be sure to walk away with something no one else will have."

After gorging on some "Poodle Puffs" or "Colli-e-clairs," dogs can find the perfect place to snooze among a variety of beds in original designs and fabrics - including pink velvet.

'Ruff' life

Dog shop offers many ways to spoil canines



From left, Lindsay Malenfant and owner Myrna Zetlan show some of the items at Zetlan's store, Little Lulu and Dot.

Zetlan says the store's mascot, a Chihuahua named Schroeder, prefers the tundle bed that serves as a cozy cocoon and cushy pillow.

Ultra plush dog blankets, around three-inches thick, in different patterns and colors, are quickly becoming one of Zetlan's hottest items, priced at \$20.

Dining on desserts isn't the only option for hungry dogs at Little Lulu and Dot. The shop offers three brands of food with a veterinarian's stamp of approval. Solid Gold and Artemis dog foods contain holistic ingredients that are highly digestible for canines with allergies.

"Corn and wheat are the two most common allergies for dogs," says Malenfant. "These foods are all natural and are loaded with vitamins and minerals for physical health and a shiny coat."

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Sports

AHS PREVIEWS

Basketball teams retool

Lady Warrior skaters enlist the help of 8th-graders

By Rick Harrison

This week the Townsman begins previews of 2004-05 Andover High varsity winter sports teams with looks at girls basketball, boys basketball, girls ice hockey, and boys ice hockey. Boys swim & dive and girls gymnastics will run next week.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The ultra-successful Andover High girls basketball team will have a different look and a new approach in the 2004-05 season, which began Tuesday night with a 79-35 Merrimack Valley Conference road romp at Lawrence High.

"I'm really excited about this year. It should be very interesting, especially with the change in style," said head coach Jim Tildsley.

"We're smaller than we've been in a long time. We have no six-footers — while in the past we've usually had at least two. But, to offset the lack of height, this is the quickest and most athletic team I've ever coached."

"We'll look to play a lot of up-tempo basketball and we'll probably use more people than we have in the past," said Tildsley.

That was evident Tuesday night, as the Lady Warriors ran 12 players in and out of the lineup and played a run-and-gun offensive style that led to 81 shots from the floor (see AHS ROUNDUP, at right). "We graduated seven quality seniors, including four starters, so we have a most difficult task ahead of us. We'll be considered the underdog in some games for the first time in a long time."

"But I feel the tradition we've built over the past 10 years will help carry us over the rough spots. These kids want to succeed and continue the high standards set by their predecessors," said the AHS coach.

That tradition includes seven MVC 1 titles in the last nine years, nine straight Division 1 North Tournament appearances under Tildsley (24 in the last 26 years), a first-ever State Division 1 championship in 2002 and a second straight trip to the State final March at the FleetCenter.

The Lady Warriors defeated Minnechaug Regional of Wilbraham, 48-47, at the Worcester Centrum in the title game two years ago and dropped a 40-39 decision to the same Minnechaug crew in 2003.

With a 20-6 overall record last year, Tildsley is now 183-29 and six of his AHS teams have won 20 or more games (two 24-1 seasons).

That works out to an .863 winning percentage, and the milestone 200th career victory is definitely in sight and should be a priority this season.

The locals have also won the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament, which they will host at the Dunn Gym Dec. 27 and 29, eight of the last nine years.

The seven senior graduates included starters Ashley McLaughlin (playing at

Holy Cross), Matia Kostakis (playing at Amherst), Megan Merinder (volleyball at Holy Cross) and Liz Pallotta (Indiana University), along with Kerry O'Dea (Assumption), Colleen Haugh (Assumption) and Arianna Miliotis.

McLaughlin poured in 381 points last season and 1,163 for her high school career.

Kostakis was a fierce rebounder, a force under the boards, and also a strong inside scorer, while Merinder and Pallotta were tough defenders, rebounders and playmakers.

Great leadership

"There are four freshmen on the roster this season," said Tildsley. "We need the upperclassmen to take charge and we have great leadership from our captains."

Those two captains are senior guards Jackie Powers (5'8") and Brittany Moriarty (5'6").

Powers is the lone returning starter and Pallotta one of six other letterwinners from last season.

Powers, who has been nursing an upper leg injury through much of the pre-season, is the all-time leading scorer in AHS girls soccer history and the first player ever at the school to reach the coveted 100-point plateau (75 goals, 34 assists, 109 points).

On the basketball court, Powers pumped through 331 points as a junior including a team-high 45 three-pointers. She enters this year with 457 points in two varsity seasons, having played ice hockey her

freshman year.

She sat out the Lawrence game because of the injury — and her return is on a day-to-day basis.

Other letterwinners are senior forwards Jessie Shields (5'7") and Jessie Koffman (5'6"), junior guard Emily Pallotta (5'6"), junior forward Kelly O'Dea (5'8") and sophomore guard Maggie Cosgrove (5'3").

Pallotta, also a superb soccer player who achieved All-New England recognition this past fall, scored 118 points for the basketball team as a sophomore.

Cosgrove was often the first player off the bench as a freshman and she finished with 80 points (11 three-pointers) last winter.

Pallotta and Cosgrove led the way against Lawrence, with 16 and 15 points respectively, and they also combined for 14 assists and 11 rebounds.

Heading the group of seven newcomers on the 14-player varsity roster are three juniors — all up from last year's 12-4 JV team and all fresh off strong performances this fall with Andover's Division 1 North Sectional finalist girls volleyball squad.

The trio consists of centers Sara Kelleher, the tallest player at 5'11," Samantha Kerivan (5'10") and forward Jen Merinder (5'8").

The four freshmen are forward Lauren Hughes (5'9") and guards Laura Renfro (5'6"), Meghan Thoman (5'7") and Katelyn Caro (5'7").

Caro and Renfro had auspicious varsity debuts against Lawrence, scoring nine points each, while Thoman contributed five points, three steals and Hughes five rebounds.

Student managers are Sydney Layne, Danielle Perry and Danielle Richards.

"We're fundamentally sound and I think we can go 10 deep comfortably against any opponent," said Tildsley. "We have some good young shooters and strong defensive players who will fit nicely into our pressing defense. The only potential problem — with our lack of height — will be rebounding."

"We had a lot of kids try out (54), more than usual, and it was tough to make the cuts. We had to let some kids go that could have played varsity for a lot of teams around the area."

Central next

The Lady Warriors return to the court tomorrow night with their home opener against Central Catholic at the Dunn Gym (7:30 p.m. varsity tip).

The Raiders are also 1-0 after a 57-49 MVC win over Billerica in Tuesday night's opener.

"Central graduated only one player from a team that we beat twice (once in tourney) and lost to once in three close games last season," said Tildsley. "Playing them so early is tough — but a good test for us."

The two teams met last year in December, Central winning 54-49, before AHS won 56-45 in late January and again 47-43 in the Division 1 North Tournament semifinals.

The first of two games against reigning Division 1 Central champ Gardner High, a first-time non-league opponent, is this Sunday afternoon (2 p.m.) at home.

"I saw Gardner give Minnechaug fits in the tourney last year," said Tildsley, "and thought they would be a good matchup for us."

Other non-leaguers are two games in the Christmas Tournament, one against Boston English at home (Jan. 5) and two versus Arlington Catholic (Jan. 26 and Feb. 18).

Andover will not participate in the Comcast/Media One Tournament at the end of the regular season this year, opting out of that event held at Boston College High.

In addition to Central, Tildsley feels Lowell (good size), revitalized former state power Haverhill and possibly Billerica will be strong in the MVC this season.

Seven of the first eight games, and eight of the first 10, are at home. But then seven of the final 10 are on the road.

AHS played its annual scrimmage with visiting Connecticut state power Norwich High last week, and also played at Westford Academy last Wednesday and at Phillips Academy on Sunday.

The results against Norwich were encouraging even though Jackie Powers did not play.

Returning as assistant coaches are Steph Ragucci (JV), Sue Rogers (freshmen) and Dick Muller (varsity).

The freshman team was undefeated last year and the JVs lost only four games — so the future of AHS girls hoop seems reasonably secure.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Less than two weeks ago the Andover High boys varsity basketball team didn't appear to have a care in the world.

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AHS ROUNDUP

Girls launch roundball, ice seasons with wins

By Rick Harrison

Sophomore Becky Cairns broke a scoreless tie with the first two goals of the game, while eighth-grader Rebecca Lindmark launched her varsity career with a goal and three assists, as the Andover High girls varsity ice hockey team whitewashed Billerica, 4-0, in its season-opener at Phillips Academy's Harrison Rink.

Sophomore goaltender Christina Cahill made 20 saves on the way to the shutout in the Metro North League game.

Elsewhere, on the hardwood, the AHS girls varsity basketball team launched its season by hammering Lawrence, 79-35, despite the absence of veteran standout guard and Capt. Jackie Powers, who is sidelined indefinitely with a leg injury.

Junior guard Emily Pallotta and sophomore guard Maggie Cosgrove combined for 31 points, and played strong all-around games, to lead the way.

AHS hosts non-league Central Mass. Division 1 power Gardner High this Sunday at 2 p.m., and Dracut (1-0) makes it three straight at the Dunn next Tuesday night (7:30).

The Middies impressed this past Tuesday night with an impressive 57-40 victory over Methuen.

ANDOVER 79, LAWRENCE 35

at Lawrence
Andover — Meghan Thoman 2-0-5, Maggie Cosgrove 7-0-15, Brittany Moriarty 2-0-4, Jessie Koffman 2-2-6, Katelyn Caro 4-1-9, Jen Merinder 3-0-6, Sara Kelleher 0-0-0, Kelly O'Dea 3-3-9, Emily Pallotta 7-2-16, Laura Renfro 3-0-9, Lauren Hughes 0-0-0, Sam Kenyan 0-0-0. Totals: 33-8-79.
Lawrence — Rodriguez 1-0-2, Scolon 2-1-5, Sicard 0-3-3, Donnelly 1-1-3, Farrar 1-0-2, Morel 1-3-5, Castillo 2-0-4, T. Colon 5-1-11. Totals: 13-9-35.
Halftime: Andover, 43-23. 3-pointers: A, Renfro 3, Cosgrove 1, Thoman 1. Rebounds: A, Pallotta 6, Hughes 5, Merinder 5, Cosgrove 5. Assists: A, Pallotta 9, Cosgrove 5, Moriarty 4. Steals: A, Pallotta 5, Thoman 3. Records: Andover 1-0, Lawrence 0-1.

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

"We'll definitely take the 'W,' but it was a sloppy-choppy game (14 penalties)," said AHS head coach Bill McCarthy. "With a few exceptions we didn't play too well."

"It could have been first-game nervousness that sucked the life out of us. We didn't move the puck or skate well. We didn't sustain our forecheck and made too many turnovers."

"We looked tired," said McCarthy. "Billerica was more physical and wore us down — which doesn't make much sense because we were skating three lines all night and they were skating two."

McCarthy lauded the play of shutout goalie Cahill, whose sharpness preserved the win, Cairns and Lindmark.

Cairns netted the only goal necessary at 8:35 of the middle period, more than halfway through the game, with assists to sophomore forward Alison Burns and Lindmark.

Cairns made it 2-0 with just 17 seconds left in the stanza (14:43), connecting during a 4-on-4 situation with setups to Maria Nasta and Lindmark.

The Lady Warriors finally found some breathing room with two goals in the final five minutes of the game.

Lindmark's first varsity goal at 10:06 of the third session was assisted by Cairns and eighth-grader Danielle Paonessa.

Two minutes later (12:03) Nasta, who was feeling the effects of a cold, scored with help from Burns and Lindmark.

AHS finished with a slim 21-20 shooting edge as Billerica goalie Nicole Cataldo made 17 stops.

Andover, which scrimmaged Phillips Academy earlier this week, plays Masconomet Regional of Topsfield tomorrow in a non-leaguer at the Governor Dummer Academy Rink in Byfield (4:20 p.m.).

Saturday it's back to Metro North League play at the Harrison Rink (4:40 p.m.) when the Lady Warriors host Chelmsford, which dropped a 4-2 decision to Marblehead in its opener.

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FIRST PERIOD: No scoring
SECOND PERIOD: 1. A, Becky Cairns 1 (Alison Burns, Rebecca Lindmark), 8:35; 2. A, Cairns 2 (Maria Nasta, Lindmark), 14:43 (4-on-4)
THIRD PERIOD: 3. A, Lindmark 1 (Cairns, Danielle Paonessa), 10:06; 4. A, Nasta 1 (Burns, Lindmark), 12:03
Shots by period: Andover 9-7-5-21, Billerica 6-5-9-20. Goalsies: A, Christina Cahill (20 shots, 20 saves), 1st shutout, B, Nicole Cataldo (21 shots, 17 saves). Penalties: Andover 7, Billerica 7. Records: Andover 1-0, Billerica 0-1.



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AHS PREVIEWS

BOYS BASKETBALL

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Despite the graduation of six seniors, including the school's all-time scoring leader and first 2,000-point man Chris Vetrano, it appeared veteran head coach Dave Fazio's crew was poised to make another run at the Merrimack Valley Conference Division I title.

While that is still a definite possibility – the task became infinitely more difficult a week ago Sunday when junior guard Casey Cosgrove suffered a broken left arm in a collision with a Watertown player during the first pre-season scrimmage.

That unfortunate "all-part-of-the-game" accident has muddled the waters.

"Casey was driving to the basket when a Watertown kid stepped in to take a charge and both players fell to the floor hard," said Fazio.

Cosgrove is expected to be sidelined for six to eight weeks, which places his projected return some time in mid-January at about the halfway point of the season.

Cosgrove was the team's third highest scorer last winter with 233 points, including 60 three-pointers.

"It is what it is," said Fazio. "I guess we're lucky it was the left (non-shooting) arm. We'll have to take the (New England) Patriots approach. When a key player gets injured – like Ty Law – another one steps up to take his place and the team keeps winning."

"There are no excuses. We have to adjust and do the best we can until Casey gets back."

Fazio enters his 16th year as Golden Warriors' head coach with a milestone in sight, needing seven wins to reach 250.

His career record is a stellar 243-97 for a crisp .715 winning percentage.

Andover finished 21-3 last year, including a perfect 15-0 MVC 1 mark and two lopsided tourney wins over Somerville and Peabody prior to a five-point loss (64-59) to surprising Acton-Boxboro.

The locals have won or shared seven conference championships and stand 15-for-15 in tournament qualifications under Fazio.

The roster

The graduates, in addition to current University of New Hampshire starting freshman guard Chris Vetrano, are 1,000-point scorer Jack Barrett (New Hampton Prep), Jon DeLeo (Providence), Phil Perkins (football at Hobart), Manny Venuti (New Hampton) and Steve Renfro (University of Maryland).

Barrett scored 446 points last year and DeLeo netted 106.

Fazio and staff greeted 92 candidates at the first practice, 22 for the varsity, 20 for the junior varsity and 50 freshmen.

The two returning varsity starters are junior guard Cosgrove (5'8") and junior forward Bobby Hughes (6'3").

Other lettermen are junior guard Greg Vetrano (5'8"), senior guard Matt Renfro (6'0") and senior forward Steve Games

(6'2").

Bobby Hughes notched 188 points last winter. Greg Vetrano 118. Games 29 and Renfro 12.

New to the 12-player varsity roster are senior guard Ian Dempsey (5'11"), junior guards Tyler Carroll (5'10") and punky 5'8" twins Sam and Max Ball, sophomore forward Luis Carpio (6'2") and freshman forwards Peter White (6'2") and Tristan Shannon (6'2").

"It's a tremendous group of kids who are working very hard," said Fazio. "Although there are no football players on the team, I think we have the same type of character kids they had this fall."

"You'd see the football players walking in the halls at school – and you wouldn't know if they were 8-0 or 0-8. Good guys. Good people."

Instead of electing permanent captains this season, the hoop team will name "game captains" prior to each contest unless or until one or more players emerge as potential leaders.

Defense the key

"We really have to defend better than ever before to win," said Fazio. "It's the same MO (means of operation) we've had for years, but we can't let opponents take easy shots and we have to score a lot of points on transition."

"Losing Chris' 2,000 points, Jack's 1,000 and Casey's offense puts a lot more pressure on us. But we have to find a way to win without them."

"Offensively we have to take care of the ball – and the returning players have to step up."

"We're young and plenty of kids will get the opportunity to contribute," said Fazio. "Instead of going only seven or eight deep we may play eight or nine – especially in the early going – to get a better feel for what we have."

"I like to use F.I.S.T. as a word to remind our players what we need to win. The F is for 'find a way,' the I for 'improve,' the S for 'spirit' and the T for 'trust each other.'"

"We feel we always have a shot to win – no matter what. It might take us awhile to jell this season – but by the middle of January we'll be a much-improved team," said Fazio.

"Our goals remain the same. Qualify for the tourney. Try to win the league and the Christmas Tournament."

"Once we get healthy and establish an identity anything is possible."

Opener tomorrow

The season opener is tomorrow night (Friday) at non-league Boston College High (7:30 p.m.).

That game, and a Jan. 4 home game versus Brockton, will count on the AHS record but not towards MIAA Tournament qualification.

"We're playing 22 games – 20 that go towards the tourney – so 10 is the magic number. We have to win 10," said Fazio.

The league opener is next Tuesday night at Dracut (7:30).

The first five games, including three in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament, are on the road before the home opener against Brockton.

The Golden Warriors drew North Andover in their Christmas Tournament opener on Dec. 26 at 6 p.m. at the North Andover Field House.

Other non-leaguers are Jan. 16 at Newton North, Jan. 25 at J.D. O'Bryant in Boston and Feb. 20 and 22 in the Acton-Boxboro Tournament to wrap up the regular season. AHS faces Framingham in the A-B tourney semifinals.

Pre-season scrimmage opponents were Watertown, perennial Division 2 powerhouse Charlestown and Bishop Guertin of Nashua, N.H.

Fazio feels Haverhill is the MVC 1 team to beat because they have everyone back from last year.

Lawrence High, Central Catholic and Methuen should all be strong as well.

Welcome Dave G.

Moving in as the new Andover JV coach is a lifelong friend of Fazio's, and former Lawrence High varsity head coach, Dave Giribaldi.

"I was best man at his wedding and I'm thrilled to have him here," said Fazio. "Not many JV teams have a former varsity coach on board."

Carol Martini is back as a varsity assistant and Alan Hibino will again coach the freshmen.

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Last winter, in only its third year of varsity play, the Andover High girls ice hockey team fashioned a 14-5-4 record and went to the MIAA Division 2 State Tournament semifinals.

Fast forward to two months ago and it was not even known if AHS would have a team this season.

The graduation of five seniors left 14 players eligible to return – but more bodies were needed to flesh out the squad.

The solution was to apply to the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) for a waiver allowing eighth-graders to play on the varsity.

The waiver was granted and a meeting was held to determine if there was enough interest.

Seven eighth-graders and a freshman responded to put the Lady Warrior skaters back in business.

"The program is alive," said fourth-year head coach Bill McCarthy. "We're very young and only a handful of our players have full-season experience. But I'm pleasantly surprised with the eighth graders. At least three or four of them will take a regular shift for us."

Girls hockey was the first Andover team to launch its 2004-05 season, playing the opener last weekend at home against Billerica and registering a 4-0 victory (see AHS ROUNDOFF, page 13).

Tomorrow (Friday) the locals are back in action against Masconomet Regional at Governor Dummer Academy (4:20 p.m.), and Saturday Andover will host Chelmsford at Phillips Academy's Harrison Rink (4:40 p.m.).

Graduates from the state semifinalist

squad were forward Ashley Malins, now attending Connecticut College, forward Adrienne Shea (Wesleyan), Allison Abreu (Fairfield), Megan Finn and goaltender Dolly Beechiner.

Malins scored 11 goals and passed out 20 assists last year, while Shea had 13 goals, 22 assists and Abreu three goals, eight assists.

Beechiner posted two solo and one shared shutout.

In last year's MIAA tourney, Andover knocked off Marblehead, 10-2, and Wilmington, 4-2, before dropping a tough 4-3 overtime decision to Wellesley in the state semis.

Scoring punch

Heading the list of returning veterans are junior forward Maria Nasta and sophomore forward Becky Cairns, the top two scorers from last year and two of the leading point-getters in Eastern Massachusetts.

Nasta holds virtually every AHS girls hockey scoring record after finishing with 36 goals, 17 assists and 53 points last winter.

Her career stats over two seasons, plus this year's win against Billerica where she notched a goal and assist, are 51 goals and 31 assists for 82 points.

Cairns established several freshman marks with 15 goals and 23 assists for 38 points. She pocketed two second-period goals against Billerica last weekend to snap a 0-0 tie.

Seniors back are forwards Jacqui Munro, a second-year team captain, Kim Chandler and Liz Sambuco.

Munro contributed six goals and eight assists last year, and has 17 goals and 21 assists for her career.

Other juniors are blueliners Liz Roda, Ally Brown and forwards Kristen Costagliola, Sam Collins and Amy Marlow.

Other sophomore vets are forward Alison Burns, who had 9-8-17 points last year, rearguards Becky Johnson and Samantha Monson, and goaltender Christina Cahill.

"With Nasta and Cairns we have some proven scoring punch," said coach McCarthy. "That will keep us competitive – but it's still going to be a big adjustment for the eighth graders."

"It's a long, grueling season with a lot of practice time. I just hope the younger kids don't run out of steam midway or two-thirds of the way through the schedule."

"There is also pressure involved with varsity hockey – and we'll have to see how the eighth graders react and if they can handle it."

"Goaltending is one area where there is no cause for concern. Cahill looked tremendous in our scrimmages and that should continue," said McCarthy.

As a freshman, Cahill recorded three solo shutouts and shared a fourth with Beechiner. She made 20 saves to blank Billerica last weekend.

The new freshman on defense is Tricia Martin, while the first eighth graders ever to play a varsity sport at AHS are forwards Caroline Dwyer, Rebecca Lindmark, Jeanette Doucette, Sarah Ostrofsky, goalie Rachel Bergan and twin sisters Heather (forward) and Danielle (defense) Paonessa.

Lindmark had an auspicious varsity debut with a goal and three assists to figure in all the scoring against Billerica.

New league

Andover has shifted from the Dual-Metro League to the Metro-North League where it joins Billerica, Chelmsford, Everett and Waltham.

Other opponents on the 20-game schedule include Masconomet (twice), Westwood, Westford Academy, Lincoln-Sudbury (twice), Reading (twice), Boston Latin (twice), Wilmington and Gloucester.

Scrimmages were against Westford and St. Mary's of Lynn.

Coach McCarthy now owns a solid 37-14-8 won-lost-tied record.

He played hockey on a state championship team at Arlington Catholic, and after a year at Canterbury Prep in New Milford, Conn. he played for four years at West Point.

His previous coaching stints included Tufts University and Newburyport High.

His new assistant coach is former West Point teammate Biff Shea (1981-'85), who lives in Charlestown and played his interscholastic hockey at Deerfield Academy.

Shea still ranks among the top 10 scorers in Army hockey history.

Last year's assistant, Andover native and former Northeastern University player Kristi Keller, has turned her attention to the restaurant business and reluctantly had to bow out of coaching.

All home games will be played at PA's Harrison Rink.

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

With 14 players returning, first-year Andover High boys varsity ice hockey coach Mario Martiniello is hoping to catch lightning in a bottle and get the Golden Warriors back in the MIAA Division 2 North Tournament.

Martiniello, who takes over for longtime AHS front man Bill Cullen, grabbed the reins in early October after Cullen resigned and accepted a new post in the Andover athletic department as site manager for all school sports events.

Cullen, who coached for more than three decades (35 years) at Acton-Boxboro, Methuen, Wilmington High and Andover, posted an overall 124-108-35 record in 13 seasons with the Golden Warriors.

His teams qualified for the tournament 11 times, won three league titles and shared another.

Ironically Martiniello, who operates hockey schools at the new Super Skills Rink off Dascomb Road on the Tewksbury/Andover line, played for Cullen at Wilmington High from 1984-'88.

Last year he was co-head coach at Salem, N.H. High as the Blue Devils went 18-2-1 and won the New Hampshire State Division I championship.

Need offense

Graduates from last year's young Andover squad, which finished 7-11-2 and missed tournament qualification after going 0-3-1 in its last four games, were Toby Cohen, Brian Buckley, Mark Van Campen, Pat Fabiani and Greg Morissette.

"We have very good team speed which hopefully will make up for our lack of size," said Martiniello, a Salem, N.H. resident. "It takes time to implement a new system – and

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AHS PREVIEWS

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

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for the players to adjust to a new coach.

"We've been juggling the lines looking for the right combinations – and that could continue for awhile until we're comfortable."

Offense was the problem last year for the locals, who posted four shutouts and allowed only 50 goals in 20 games (respectable 2.5 average) but netted only 33 themselves.

Top scorer Matt Colby, 10 goals and 14 points, is among the list of returning forwards along with junior Mike Lamagna, junior Joe Benedix, junior A.J. Drivas, junior Austin Gilbert, junior Phil Kim, senior James Kim and sophomore Colin Brennan.

Veteran defensemen are senior Capt. Mike Muccio and Matt Quinlan, juniors Greg Carroll, Chris Seero, Andrew Gatti and sophomore Dan Godefroi.

Muccio and Quinlan are fresh off outstanding seasons for Andover's 10-1 football team, while Brennan is the top player on the

AHS golf team and Godefroi the No. 1 pitcher on the baseball team.

New to the varsity at forward are juniors Chris Browne and Adam Nadelson, sophomores Tucker Mullin, P.J. Paonessa and freshman John Hyslip.

First-year defensemen are junior Mike Ahern, sophomore Jeff Martin and freshman Paul Dimitrak.

Senior Zach Lebowitz, who shared one shutout last winter, will be joined in goal by freshmen prospects Zack Frish and Mark Limauro.

The assistant coaches are also new, Scott Manty with the varsity and Ryan Moynihan with the JV's. Manty played at Boston University and previously was an assistant at Cambridge Rindge & Latin.

Andover native Moynihan played a year at AHS before transferring to prep school, skated for Cornell University and had a brief stint as a pro hockey player in Europe.

Schedule

Andover will again play in Merrimack Valley/Dual County League

Division 2 with Haverhill, Methuen, Boston Latin, Lincoln-Sudbury and reigning champ Tewksbury.

The Golden Warriors, who faced Bishop Fenwick of Peabody in the annual Methuen Icebreaker Jam-boree last weekend, open the regular season next Tuesday (Dec. 21) at Methuen High (6 p.m.).

The first four games, and five of the first six, are on the road.

Home games will again be played at the Merrimack Valley Forum off South Union Street on the Andover/Lawrence line (junctions Rtes. 28 and 495).

The home opener is New Year's Day versus Westford Academy (1 p.m.).

AHS will compete in the same two regular season tournaments, the Haverhill Christmas (Dec. 27 and 29) and Newburyport Bank Classic (Feb. 21 and 23).

The opener in Haverhill is against Winthrop on Dec. 27 at 7 p.m. Danvers and Tyngsboro complete the four-team division.

The semifinal round foe at Newburyport will be perennial power Canton.

ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL SCORING

GIRLS SOCCER
(19 games)
Final

	G	A	Pts
Jackie Powers	26	15	41
Emily Pallotta	14	20	34
Jen Hagopian	12	6	18
Brittany Moriarty	5	7	12
Rikki Sartor	8	1	9
Maria Nasta	4	2	6
Katelyn Caro	2	3	5
Courtney Dynes	2	2	4
Jessica Ragnio	1	3	4
Rachel Fox	0	4	4
Michelle Pirro	2	1	3
Maggie Lamond	1	1	2
Cara Sullo	1	1	2
Marisa Evans	0	2	2
Sara LoMedico	1	0	1
Chrissy Peracchi	1	0	1
Emily Korba	0	1	1

NOTE: Jackie Powers is the all-time AHS career goals and total points leader.

Hat Tricks: Jackie Powers 3, Rikki Sartor 1.

Shutouts: Micaela Smith & Kara Bularzik 6; Bularzik 1; Smith 1.

BOYS SOCCER
(19 games)
Final

	G	A	Pts
Nate Baker	12	1	13
Joe Savoca	6	6	12
Vasili Kostakis	7	2	9
Dave Checrallah	2	7	9
Jason Sheldon	3	5	8
Greg Famiglietti	2	6	8
Mike Baldwin	5	2	7
Eric Draper	3	4	7
Greg Spurr	4	2	6
Tyler Carroll	3	0	3
Pierre Hage	0	2	2
Brendan O'Connell	0	2	2
Matt Teperow	0	2	2
Luis Arboleta	1	0	1
Mike Canepa	1	0	1
Andy Boudreau	0	1	1
Ryan Greeley	0	1	1

Hat Tricks: Nate Baker 1.

Shutouts: Mike Canepa 3; Chris Cole 2; Canepa & Cole 5.

FOOTBALL
(11 games)
Final

	TD	PA	Pts
Geoff Stevens	11	0	66
Buddy Farnham	9	0	54
Shaheen Ghandchi	9	0	54
x-Ken Masse	0	26	44
Matt Hennessy	6	0	36
Mike Muccio	3	0	18
Mike D'Angelo	1	0	6
Pardeep Thandi	1	0	6
Tommy White	1	0	6

x = kicked school-record 6 field goals

TD Passes: Geoff Stevens 11.

TD Receptions: Buddy Farnham 7, Mike Muccio 2, Pardeep Thandi 1, Tommy White 1.

Top Rushers: Matt Hennessy 894 yards; Shaheen Ghandchi 739 yards.

FIELD HOCKEY
(21 games)
Final

	G	A	Pts
Jacqui Munro	8	16	24
Toby Maltz	10	6	16
Jamie Maltz	9	7	16
Debbie Cheng	7	3	10
Kerry Haugh	5	4	9
Kara Flaherty	4	5	9
Julie Marton	5	2	7
Casey Salois	3	1	4
Molly Lieberman	2	0	2
Brianna Gross	1	1	2
Rithi Mathias	1	0	1

Shutouts: Elissa Slovin 6; Ayesha Rabbini 1; Slovin & Rabbini 4.

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Members of the Andover Eagles are: (front row, from left) Andrea Schweitzer and Hillary Brownson; second row: Elizabeth Gilbert, Quincy Jessop, Melissa Pennington, Alice Grant, Marina Moschitto, Sandra Levis, Caroline O'Sullivan, Natalie Sousa; third row: Laura Bhalwala, Alexandra Alois, Cassandra Drivas, Vanessa Singleton, Paige Murray and Natalie Gibson. Coaches (back row) are: Bill Pennington, Bob Gilbert and Craig Gibson.

The Andover Eagles (Division One U-13 Girls, shown at left) finished first place in the Columbus Cup Tournament hosted by the Exeter Express Soccer Club in Exeter, N.H.

The Andover team competed in the U-14 Division against the top girls soccer teams in the Exeter region. Andover provided strong defense and goaltending, shutting out their opponents in all four games with wins against Stratham (2-0), Exeter (1-0), Upper Valley Lightning (1-0), and Exeter (2-0).

Accepting the tournament trophy were head coach Bob Gilbert, assistant coaches Craig Gibson and Bill Pennington, and conditioning trainer Ken Murray. Gilbert said, "This team has worked hard, with additional practices during the season, summer soccer camps, and other special off-season training. They won this tournament with their skill, dedication, and teamwork. Each player should be commended for her exceptional performance in all four games."

The 2004 Massachusetts state champion Andover American Legion Post 8 baseball team was honored at a special dinner recently at Palmer's Restaurant.

A group of Andover townspeople put together the night, which featured several awards presentations to players and coaches.

On display were the State Championship banner presented to the team in Greenfield, the State Championship trophy and a second trophy given by the Bosox Club when that organization honored the team in



◀ Crosby Nicholson, a sixth-grade student at Doherty Middle School, took home two trophies at the 23rd annual Chaves Judo Tournament, held Nov. 13 at Malden High School. Crosby won first place and was named outstanding junior male competitor in the 9 to 12 age division.

Boston.

Several college coaches and pro scouts were in attendance, including

Among the winners at the US Figure Skating "Skate With Us" competition held recently at the Burbank Ice Arena in Reading were members of the North Shore Skating Club's Junior Program. Events were divided by age and skating level. Kim Pzegeo, 14, of Andover received an honorable mention in the Freeskate Three Compulsory Elements category. She is the daughter of Jim and Patti Pzegeo. Skaters entering this competition were from as far away as New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. The North Shore Skating Club skates throughout the year at the Burbank Ice Arena in Reading and the Hockeytown Rink in Saugus. Call 781-944-5874. ▶

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West Parish Church will present its 28th outdoor Christmas pageant this Sunday, Dec. 19, at 5 p.m. Morgan (left) and Bess Muggia are angels in this annual reenactment of the Christmas story, which includes a cast of children, youth and adults and a stable of live animals. For more information, call the church between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 978-475-3528, or visit the Web site at westparishchurch.org.

Thursday, Dec. 16

Spectacular Magic, Le Grand David Spectacular Magic Company, *An Anthology of Stage Magic*, 7:30 p.m., \$18, \$12 children 11 and younger, at the 92-year-old Larcom Theatre, 13 Wallis St., Beverly; 978-927-3677.

Live music, Evos Arts, performers Second World presents "Reggae Lounge," featuring Lady Lee backed by Mang Dub, doors open 9 p.m., 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evosarts.com.

Friday, Dec. 17

Festival of Lights, Andover/North Andover YMCA invites the public to explore holiday traditions around the globe, crafts, activities, and songs, refreshments, 6:30-9 p.m., per family cost: \$7 YMCA family members, \$14 YMCA general members, \$21 non-members, 165 Haverhill St.; 978-685-3541.

Visit with Bill "Sully" Sullivan, author and creator of six children's titles, at The Rugged Bear; Sullivan will be available for questions and autographs, and there will be a free raffle for a \$100 Rugged Bear gift certificate and two book/T-shirt packages; 9:30 a.m.-noon, free, The Rugged Bear, 34 Park St.; 978-521-5996.

Kids vacation at the theater, registration deadline for Vacation Theatre Arts Workshop, for children ages 6-16 who want to participate in all aspects of theater production, daily during vacation week (12/27-31) and concluding with special performance of *Cinderella and the Seven Dwarves*, Friday, 12/31, 6 p.m., \$267 plus \$15 fee, pre-registration required, Creative Arts, 25 Woburn St., Reading (First Congregational Church); Kara Muise, 781-942-9600.

Comedy, Dick Doherty Comedy Productions presents Frank Del-Pizzo, Jake Daniels, Greg Howell 9:30 p.m., \$15, The China Blossom Restaurant, Rt. 125/133, North Andover; 1-800-401-2221.

Saturday, Dec. 18

Makeup Encore Concert, the New England Ringers Inc., a group of handbell ringers, will repeat their Nov. 28 performance of popular

holiday favorites, which many ticketholders missed due to a power outage that affected early arrivals, 4 p.m., \$10 advance, \$12 door, tickets for the Nov. 28 performance will be honored, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; Edward Henderson Jr. 978-851-3024.

Nutcracker, Dance Prism's 22nd annual production of the holiday favorite, 2:30 and 6:30 p.m., \$20, \$14 children and seniors, group discounts, Collins Center for the Arts at Andover High School, Shawsheen Road; tickets by phone charges or mail order 978-371-1038 or visit www.danceprism.com.

Film, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover will show the movie *Saved!*, sponsored by the Welcoming Congregation Committee, doors open at 7 p.m., film starts promptly at 7:15; public cordially invited at no cost, snacks may be brought to the film; Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.; Lauren Miller lmiller32@comcast.net, or Rev. Ralph Galen ralphgalen@comcast.net; www.saved-movie.com.

Jazz quartet, *Boudreau Jazz Quartet*, featuring vocalist Barbara Boudreau with MaryJo Frontiera on piano, 6:45-10 p.m., Sushi Island, Wakefield Center, Wakefield; 781-224-3479

Austin Prep Nutcracker, Austin Preparatory School's Dance Club will perform its fifth annual production of the Tchaikovsky ballet, featuring 75 student performers, including Andover residents Caitrin Coffey, Jessica Martin, and Bridget Sheehy, 7:30 p.m., \$7, Austin Preparatory School's Multi-purpose Facility, 101 Willow Street, Reading; Marla Pascucci 781-944-4900 or e-mail mpascucci@austinprepschool.org.

A Literary Christmas, an interactive theater program that enlivens the rooms of the Turner-Ingersoll Mansion ("House of Seven Gables") with scenes from classic holiday tales such as *Twas the Night Before Christmas*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Little House on the Prairie*, 6-9 p.m., special admis-

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PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Brian Allen, director of the Addison Gallery of American Art, stands next to Edward Hopper's painting *Manhattan Bridge Loop* (1928), part of the new exhibit opening. Below right: Artwork of Childe Hassam, *Early Morning on the Avenue*, May 1917.

Addison whirls out greatest hits Tuesday

By Judy Wakefield

ALL EYES ARE ON THE COLLECTION at Addison Gallery of American Art as the storage areas have been visited

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and some of the most treasured paintings have been moved to exhibit spaces.

The gallery's *Eye on the Collection* exhibit opens next Tuesday, Dec. 21 and features some of the key pieces in the collection. Brian Allen, director of the gallery, said there are 35 paintings in the exhibit.

He said he looked at the greatest pieces in the gallery's vast collection and leaned toward "some of the old favorites that haven't been looked at" by viewers in awhile and chose those pieces for the exhibit. Addison Gallery's permanent collection features 13,600 works including paintings, sculptures, decorative art and photographs.

"I tried to find interesting objective pieces," he said.

Juxtaposition gets a heavy emphasis as he has placed a still life from the late 1800s next to a still-life painting done in the 1940s.

"It's created a dialogue and it's great," Allen said of the placement.

The exhibit includes John Singleton Copley's playful portrait of Mary Elizabeth



Martin and the dramatic, nocturnal abstract *Wave, Night* by Georgia O'Keeffe. Viewers can expect to see landscapes, cityscapes and still lifes along with the portraits.

It's not a thematic exhibit, as paintings from different periods are placed together. Allen said the idea is for viewers to find the concepts and elements that define them as uniquely American.

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Swan song for Piebald?

Dueling venues in town tomorrow night

By Dorian Block

Andover will rock on Friday night.

Two competing concerts, both for good causes, are expected to bring the town's young people out in droves.

At Old Town Hall, Piebald, a group well known in town, will be performing in their Fourth Annual Holiday Concert, and possibly their last performance in Andover. Bassist Andrew Bonner, guitarist Aaron Stuart and lead singer Travis Shettel all graduated from Andover High, and will join drummer Lucian Garro at 7:30 p.m. with bands Avoid One Thing and TBA at old Town Hall.

While Youth Services is billing Piebald's concert as the last one they will give in their

hometown, Shettel does not want to give that message. He is still unsure of the band's future.

"It's too sad sounding; I don't want to go there," he said.

After graduating from Andover High and attending various colleges in Boston, they spent the last four years recording and traveling the world.

They have played together for 11 years, but are not sure where they are going next.

For now, they are excited to be back in town.

"I love this place. It's home," Shettel said of Andover. "I know it better than almost any place in the world."

Tickets are \$12 and are available from

the Department of Community Services.

The band asks that concert-goers bring an unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots. Those who do will get \$2 off the ticket price.

More information is available from www.andoveryouthservices.com.

Also on Friday, two bands - Grimis and the Addison Groove Project - will perform at the Collins Center at 8 p.m. for the Merrimack Valley Samaritans, a suicide prevention hotline. The Samaritans have been pushed out of their Methuen headquarters by high rents and a small budget.

The Boston-based Addison Groove Project won the 2004 Boston Music Award in

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COURTESY PHOTO

Dance Prism will present its 22nd annual production of *The Nutcracker*, the most traditional of holiday presentations, at the Collins Center at Andover High School, this Saturday, Dec. 18 and Sunday, Dec. 19. All of the regional cast Carolers who will perform in the Andover performances are: (bottom row, from left) Taylor Burns, Angellina Lionetta, MacKenzie Dalton, Nikki Shen, Emily Wivell, Samantha Rooks and Corin Volfson; (second row) Sydney Sauvageau, Emily Field, Cassie Kobelski, Ruby Mercure and Stephanie Knepper; (top row) Rachel Donovan, Olivia Johnson and Jillian Thero. Tickets for the performances may be obtained through phone charges or mail orders by calling 978-371-1038, or visiting www.danceprism.com. Admission is \$14 for children and seniors, \$20 for adults; discounts are available for groups.

Nutcracker is coming to town

Dance Prism will present its 22nd annual production of *The Nutcracker* at the Collins Center this Saturday, Dec. 18 and Sunday, Dec. 19.

Dance Prism's *Nutcracker* production brings to the stage the full spectrum of magical wonders: falling snow, a growing Christmas tree, a reindeer-drawn sleigh, and angels floating on billowing clouds. It features a cast of 140 performers from five states, including both the professional dancers and a cadre of children who tour with the troupe. Dancing to Tchaikovsky's beloved music are all the familiar *Nutcracker* figures: crystal snowflakes and candy flowers, soaring Russian dancers and exotic Arabians, giant mice and porcelain dolls.

Three young dancers from Andover will be appearing as part of the touring cast throughout New England. Brittany Carey will portray a Horn Angel and a Mouse this year. Leah Cairns will dance as a Harp Angel and a Mouse. Dancing the part of a Soldier in the battle scene is Michaela Voorhees.

Tickets for the performances may be obtained through phone charges or mail orders by calling 978-371-1038, or visiting www.danceprism.com. Admission is \$14 for children and seniors, \$20 for adults; discounts are available for groups.

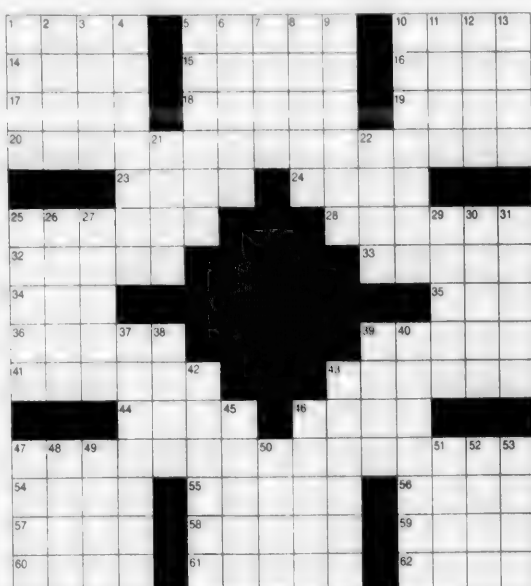


In Dance Prism's production of *The Nutcracker*, the three Andover girls who will take part in the touring cast of the show, along with Lea Needham-Wood (left) of Acton as Clara, are: Michaela Voorhees (bottom row), Leah Cairns and Brittany Carey (top row, from left).

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. Source
5. Xerophytic plants
10. A meeting arranged in advance
14. A way to surface
15. Give out
16. Type of exam
17. Ones
18. Big cats
19. Anoints
20. Picnic event
23. Strikeout king
24. Astringent
25. Rungs
28. Allegiance
32. At bay
33. Vermont town
34. The winged goddess of the dawn
35. Large integer
36. In a way, rises
39. Holds wine or vinegar for the table
41. Shock
43. California mountain
44. Commit a faux pas or fault
46. Contest
47. Diamond
54. Middle Eastern nation
55. What we eat
56. Aroma
57. Exclude



58. Wipe out magnetically recorded information
59. One of Columbus' ships
60. Pop
61. Inflatable boats
62. Be in a huff

CLUES DOWN

1. Tiff
2. Every
3. At all times
4. Merit
5. Lily-like plants
6. Foreign-born
7. Congest
8. Pacific Islands
9. Its own
10. Is physically weak
11. Opera solo
12. Baby powder
13. Other
21. In a way, looked
22. Fees
25. Inscribed pillar
26. Unit
27. Circa 620-560 BC
29. Water lily
30. Pinch
31. Gossip
37. A dark purple-red
38. Pig
39. Cook
40. Food for service personnel
42. Person who does no work
43. Picks up
45. Regional plant life
46. Interior
47. In a way, judges unfit
48. To be fired from a gun
49. Express in words
50. Lollygag
51. Copyread
52. Sole
53. An equal score

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sion \$13, \$9 children 5-12, House of Seven Gables, 54 Turner St., Salem, Mass.; 978-744-0991 or visit www.7gables.org.

Comedy, Dick Doherty Comedy productions, see Dec. 17 entry.

Sunday, Dec. 19

Outdoor Christmas Pageant, 28th annual reenactment of the Gospel narrative with choral accompaniment, performed by a cast of children, youth, and adults, and staged with a stable of live animals, 5 p.m., free, but non-perishable food items for local food pantries will be accepted at the entrance to the pageant, West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, followed by refreshments in Fellowship Hall and opportunities to photograph the living Nativity scene; Betsy Collins 978-475-3528 or visit westparishchurch.org.

Treble Chorus holiday concert, the five choirs of Treble Chorus of New England, all in residence at Merrimack College, will present "A Baroque Holiday," with voices of children 5 to 18 years old, accompanied by string quartet, brass, oboe, and organ, and featuring selections from Vivaldi and from Handel's *Messiah*, as well as carols old and new, 4 p.m., \$12, \$8 students and seniors, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College,

315 Turnpike St., North Andover, 978-837-5461 (Treble Chorus) or 978-837-5355 (Rogers Center).

Holiday entertainment, The Sunset Tappers will entertain, and The Lowell Opera Company will perform a non-operatic program of holiday songs and carols, followed by an eggnog social, 1 p.m., \$5 advance tickets required, Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court; Pat Becker 978-623-8321.

Open house "parlor," sponsored by Haverhill-based Solomon Schechter Day School of the Merrimack Valley, designed for prospective school parents by parents of current students in grades 1-6, at a home in Andover, 2-3:30 p.m.; RSVP to Dianna Huff 978-372-4140.

Nutcracker Ballet, Dance Prism, 2:30 p.m.; see Dec. 18 entry.

Nutcracker Ballet, Austin Preparatory School, 2:00 p.m.; see Dec. 18 entry.

House of Seven Gables, Literary Christmas, 3-6 p.m.; see Dec. 18 entry.

Monday, Dec. 20

Book Discussion, Tracy Kidder's *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, 10:30 a.m., free, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; Norma Gammon 978-623-8400, ext. 49 or visit web site www.mhl.org

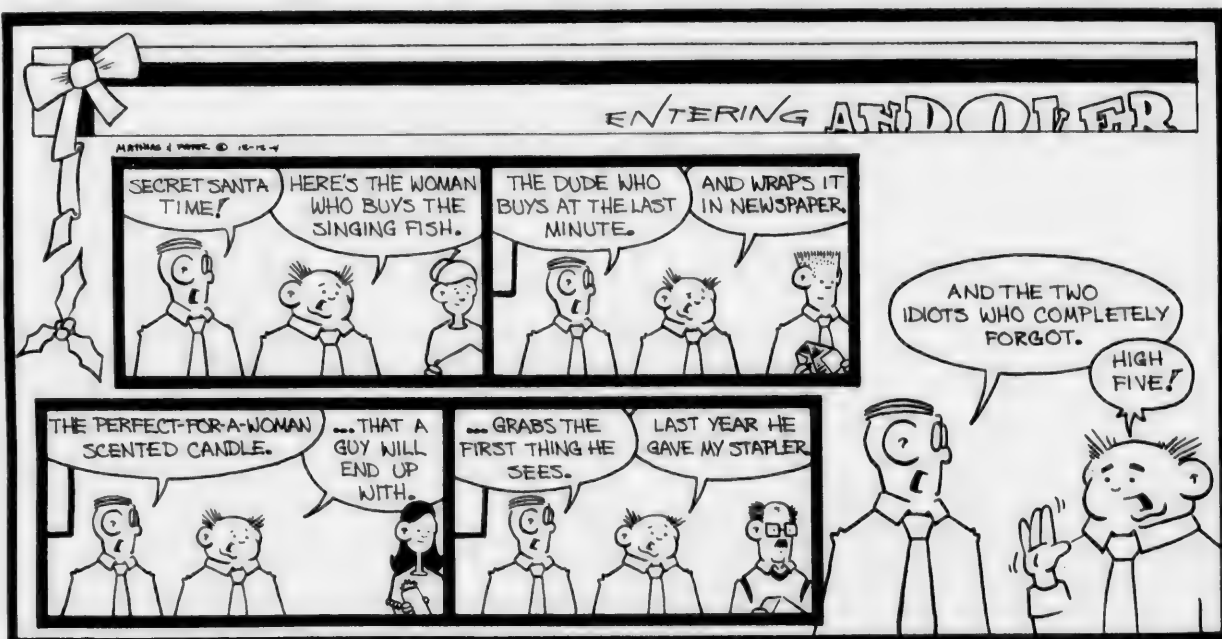
Tuesday, Dec. 21

Holiday meeting and party, Embroiderers' Guild of America,

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ENTERING ANDOVER

By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



Children's author at Rugged Bear on Friday

Visit with author Bill "Sully" Sullivan at The Rugged Bear, 34 Park St., tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 17, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Sullivan is the author and creator of six children's titles, including *My Monsta Mysteries*, *The Taylor Rabbit Series* and *Cry Me A River*.

His *Taylor Rabbit Series* is set at Smolak Farms in North Andover. Sullivan will be available for questions and autographs. According to organizers, "There will be lots of fun including a free raffle for a \$100 Rugged Bear gift certificate and two book/T-shirt packages."

Sullivan lives in Bradford with his wife and four kids, all of whom are featured as characters in his books.

Sullivan's books are available at Barnes & Noble, Waldenbooks and Borders. For more information, call 978-521-5996.

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Wednesday, Dec. 22
No events listed.Thursday, Dec. 23
No events listed.Friday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve
No events listed.Saturday, Dec. 25
Christmas Day
No events listed.Sunday, Dec. 26
No events listed.Ongoing
Holiday Events

Winter Wonderland. The Rauseo family of Boxford will open two acres of holiday light viewing through Dec. 18, featuring thousands of lights, a specially built landing strip called Rudolph's Runway, and enchanted forest, Frosty's Arctic Circle, Prancer Park, a huge gingerbread house and much more, afterward visitors are invited to sit by the campfire and enjoy hot chocolate with Mrs. Claus, marshmallow toasting and hot dog roasting welcome, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings, free, 52 Porter Road (off Ipswich Road or Main Street), Boxford.

Art Exhibitions

Lawrence HS exhibit continues through 12/22, exhibit of photography entitled *No Other Place Like Home*, by Lawrence High School students under the guidance of Addison Gallery of American Art artist-in-residence Oscar Palacio. 5-7:30 p.m., free, Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; 978-685-2343 or visit www.essexartcenter.org.

Exhibition, *Mindscapes II*, an exhibition of paintings by Susan E.

'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'



West Middle School seventh-grader Molly McLaughlin (center, holding the child), is a performer in Dickens' Yuletide classic play *A Christmas Carol* at the Amesbury Playhouse, through Dec. 19. This favorite holiday story has colorful characters and traditional music, organizers said. Reservations are required; call 978-388-9444. Molly is also in Confetti Kids and the Drama Club at West Middle School. She lives at 6 Irquois Ave. with her parents Jill and Paul, and sisters Amy and Katy.

Schur, McQuade Library Gallery at Merrimack College, North Andover, throughout December.

McQuade Gallery, located in the McQuade Library at Merrimack College, gallery hours same as library hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-midnight, Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-midnight; call to confirm, as hours may vary during holiday season, free admission, 978-837-5000.

Addison Gallery of American Art. Two new photographic exhibits inspired by the international AIDS awareness project, *A Day With(out) Art*, will be on display through Jan. 10. *Missing* features works of seven photographers from the Gallery's permanent collection. *Rites of Passage*, a collaborative work of Hollis Frampton and Marion Faller, explores the typical milestones of life. Also continuing are *Director's*

Choice: A Fresh Look at Winslow Homer, through Jan. 2; *Getting Nasty: Politics, Patriotism, and Works on Paper*, through Jan. 2; *Terry Winters Paintings, Drawings Prints 1994-2004*, through Jan. 2; and *4 X 4: Selections from the Tyler Graphics Collection*, through Dec. 5; gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover; gallery hours Tuesday, 2-6 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013 or visit www.alpersfineart.com.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody, displays ethnographic objects from the museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819, go.boston.com/brushartgallery; the-brush@netscape.net.

Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School, Brooks Goes Hollywood, featuring photography inspired by the Los Angeles film colony, movie posters, classic Hollywood portraits and a film highlighting the contributions of Brookians to the Hollywood film industry, through Dec. 15, gallery hours

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Addison rolls out 'greatest hits' exhibit

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"Big, splashy paintings ... lots of deep reds and blues in the watercolors," is how Allen described the pieces, chosen for the exhibit with "the greatest hits placed in the hallway."

The show runs through July and a gallery talk with some of the featured artists is set for Feb. 13.

The opening reception takes place Friday, Jan. 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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Last chance for photos with Santa at Brickstone Square

This is the last weekend for photos with Santa at Brickstone Square. YMCA teens will be on hand to take photos of children and families with Santa.

Santa will visit tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 17 from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday night from 6 to 9. Support YMCA youth programs and enjoy this time-honored tradition as Santa visits with children for the 15th year in a row. Each photo is \$5. Proceeds benefit YMCA teen programs. Hot cocoa, coffee and popcorn will also be for sale, organizers said.

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Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

Whistler House Museum of Art, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

Churchill Gallery, an exhibition of landscapes by award-winning artists Robert Scott Jackson and Dennis Sheehan, gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

Essex Art Center, in the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery: Fool's Gold: James Kirkpatrick, Toronto-based mixed media artist, through Dec. 17; galleries are free and open to the public, Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; 978-685-2343, www.essexartcenter.com.

Arthur Griffin Museum of Photography, Main Gallery: We Skate Hardcore, a collection of photographs and video images by Vincent Cianni capturing the lives of young inline skaters from Brooklyn, through Feb. 3; Emerging

'LITTLE WOMEN'



COURTESY PHOTO

Former Andover resident Jenny Powers (left) will make her Broadway debut with *Little Women* at the Virginia Theatre, 245 West 52nd St. Previews began Dec. 7 and the show will officially open Jan. 23, according to her family. Shown during an October run at the Duke University Regional Theatre in Durham, N.C., Powers is cast as the oldest March sister, Meg. The show stars Sutton Foster (at right), 2002 Tony Award winner for *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, as Jo, and Maureen McGovern as Marmee. For more information, log on to LittleWomenOnBroadway.com.

Artist Gallery: *Perfect Intimacy*, images from life in a convent by Luitl Almgro, through Feb. 20; Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m., \$5 admission, \$2 seniors, children under 12 free, Thursday admission

is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

Memorial Hall Library, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8400, www.mhl.org.

McCoy Gallery, Duane Paluska, who presents sculptures and paintings in an exhibition through Nov. 20; Merrimack College, hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., free admission; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Sakowich Campus Center, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and first floor lounges, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

McQuade Gallery, located in the McQuade Library at Merrimack College, gallery hours same as library hours, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-midnight, Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-midnight; free admission, 978-837-5000.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display

of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.

Lorica Arts, gallery specializing in original fine art from Ireland and America, featuring the largest collection of original fine art from Ireland in the Boston area, celebrating the 2004 holiday season with an art show called "Wondrous Gifts," featuring new work from Irish and American artists; gallery hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, as well as by appointment; 90 Main St.; 978-470-1829.

Walsingham Gallery opens a Holiday Show with new works by artists J.C. Airolidi, Robert Douglas Hunter, Jean Lightman, Elizabeth M. Leary, John Daniel Phillips, Frank Strazulla Jr., and others; gallery hours Monday, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., closed Tuesdays, 47 Merrimack St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411 www.thewalsingham-gallery.com.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-noon, and by appointment, Carol Schlosberg Alumni Gallery, 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242, Ext. 1319.

Evos Arts Gallery, free, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evosarts.com.

Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942, www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

Churchill Gallery, Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport, 978-462-9891.

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester; 978-463-8883.

Cape Ann Historical Museum, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455.

The Saltbox Gallery, gallery hours, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

Two rock venues, 2 causes

ADDISON GROOVE

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September and has traveled across the country. The band's bassist, John Hall, died last month after a battle with cancer. This will be one of the group's first performances since his death.

Members of the local band Grimis — Lyle Brewer, Andrew Doherty and Pete Michelinie — began playing acoustic guitar and jazz music together in 1998, as students at Doherty Middle School. In 2002 David Tanklesky, also from Andover, joined them. The quartet graduated from Andover High last year and separated after going to col-

lege this fall. They will reunite on Friday, trying to top the more than 1,000-person turnout for their holiday concert in 2002.

The event is sponsored by Jeans Addiction and Night and Day Lingerie, so every dollar raised for the concert will go directly to the Samaritans.

They will also sell T-shirts with the concert's logo and concessions.

Foreign language teacher Bill Kolbe and cafeteria manager Scott Rivali will open the show with the National Anthem.

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Andover residents and Austin Preparatory School seniors **Sarah Weidlein** and **Brian Coffey** have been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program, in recognition for their outstanding academic promise.

Weidlein and Coffey, along with seven other Austin seniors, qualified for this honor after scoring high on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Coffey has also advanced to become a National Merit Semifinalist.

Weidlein takes a rigorous course load, according to a spokesman for the school, including AP English Literature, AP Calculus, AP Economics, AP Physics, and Honors Spanish IV. Weidlein notes that her favorite subject is AP Economics because she is intrigued by money, commerce, and the economy. She also serves on the National Honor Society, helps as a math peer tutor, works in the equestrian program at Windkist Farms, and participates in the Art Club. After graduation, she would like to major in economics in college, ultimately focusing on business. Weidlein is the daughter of Sharyn and William Weidlein of Andover.

Coffey, another motivated student, takes a challenging course of study, with AP World Literature, AP Physics, AP Calculus III, Honors Russian V, and AP Economics, the latter being his favorite subject. He is a member of the National Honor Society, president of the Russian Club, and vice president of the New England Club. Coffey also finds time to compete on the basketball and math teams, while participating in Habitat for Humanity, and captaining the lacrosse team. He is the son of Deirdre and Kevin Coffey of Andover.

Jessica White of Andover, a freshman at the Holderness School in Plymouth, N.H., has been named to that school's first-quarter honor roll, posting an academic average higher than 85.

This fall, White also worked in the school's on-campus student jobs program, and was voted the "most improved" member of the junior varsity field hockey team.

St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers announced that 40 students were named AP Scholars recently by the College Board in recognition of exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) exams.

The students took the AP

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Studying the business world

Combining academics and corporate interning polishes these students

By Rita Savard

Carlos Candelario has big dreams: studying medicine at Georgetown University, seeing the world and, most important of all, being able to care for his family.

But the view from his Lawrence home looks out over a neighborhood where many kids his age will not make it to college, or travel far outside the city.

Now, with support from a few Andover businesses, Carlos and more teens like him are turning dreams into possibilities.

Carlos is one of 80 students from low-income families who were selected after a tough application process to attend the new Notre Dame High School in Lawrence. A Catholic college preparatory school, Notre Dame is part of a network of 11 other high schools throughout the US with a unique corporate internship program. By sending students out to work at local businesses, the teens are able to earn a quality education that they would otherwise not be able to afford.

Banknorth and the DeLuca Family of Dealerships are two Andover businesses that pay \$5,000 of the \$7,200 yearly tuition for students to attend the preparatory school. Students work a full eight-hour day at the businesses, five days during the month to earn money for an education meant to rival some of New England's more elite preparatory schools, says Mark Reimer, director of mission advancement at Notre Dame.

"We are a college preparatory school and the work component does not water down the academic requirements," says Reimer. "Students will leave here with a great resume, which makes them more appealing as a college applicant."

The high school, founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame, was modeled after the Cristo Rey High School in Chicago, which implemented the successful internship program in 1996. According to Reimer, 100 percent of Cristo Rey's graduates last year have gone on to college.

"Just like Phillips or Central, our focus is preparing these students to further their education after high school," Reimer says. "Graduates of Cristo Rey schools have gone on to some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the country."



Building dreams — Carlos Candelario, a student at Notre Dame High School in Lawrence, is getting used to the business world by working as an intern. The school has a corporate internship program.

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MARK REIMER, DIRECTOR OF MISSION ADVANCEMENT AT NOTRE DAME

Getting accepted into Notre Dame requires letters of recommendation, placement tests, a student essay and an interview, which help determine if the applicant can handle the extra hours and effort it will take to juggle a job and school work.

Eligibility is also factored by annual family income earnings — about \$25,600 or less.

Carlos, who works at the DeLuca Family of Dealerships, was chosen out of 200 applicants. He spent three weeks in August attending job training classes before the start of school. The 14-year-old and his classmates took workshops held at Northern Essex Community College that introduced the basics of operating office equipment and of workplace etiquette.

"I'm getting a lot more experience

than other kids my age," explains Carlos. "In the neighborhood I live in, you don't see too many kids going to private school. I know that my education will benefit me later, and I'll be able to see other places besides Lawrence, and go to college."

The teen says he likes living in Lawrence, but aspires to someday study at Georgetown University.

"I'd like to be a surgeon," he confides.

Carlos' goal, which he used to think was impossible, now seems attainable with the help of an Andover business.

"We're happy to support such a fantastic opportunity for kids to get an education that they might not have otherwise had," says Kevin Harris, operations manager at Auto Use. "Students are getting an introduction into clerical functions like filing, sorting mail and sending faxes. We've been schooling Carlos on the day-to-day business world."

Next semester, Harris said students will build upon the skills they've acquired and learn more about technical applications, like using computer programs.

Harris said the work ethic his intern has shown will ensure the DeLuca Family's continued support in the cop program.

The internship also instills discipline and responsibility. If a student misses a day's work without a valid excuse, the family is fined \$125.

Carlos' mother says the penalties enforced by the school help keep her son on the right track.

"He used to have a problem with

discipline," says Carlos' mother, Marie Santos. "But now his sights are set different. He wants to work hard and get good grades."

Seven years ago, Santos put herself through community college, while saving enough money to move her three children out of Lawrence's Hancock Housing Projects.

Santos says every morning her son awakes before anyone else in the house and helps to get his siblings up before heading to school.

"It's amazing," beams his mother. "He's becoming the man of the house."

Luz Montero, director of corporate internships at Notre Dame, says students at the preparatory school typically attend classes six weeks longer than at other high schools. The school day begins at 7:15 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. On work days, students finish at 5 p.m.

"The program definitely takes a certain maturity level, even for a 14-year-old," says Montero. "But in the course of three months, you can really see how their self-esteem has skyrocketed and that makes a tremendous change in the students."

Currently the high school has one freshman class and will expand a grade each year. Reimer says the potential for the school to grow seems great with the outpouring of support from 19 businesses in the Merrimack Valley. The *Andover Townsman* participates in the program.

"It's something more than just charity," says Reimer. "It's an opportunity to sponsor an individual and help them move forward and get into college."

Lawrence Academy fund-raising efforts helped by local businesses

The Lawrence Academy Parents Association holds an auction to raise funds for scholarships. The auction is the school's largest fund-raising event, generating funds for students who would not otherwise be able to attend the school in Groton.

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

ST. JOHN'S SCHOLARS

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exams in May 2004, after completing challenging college-level courses at St. John's, which offers 16 advanced placement courses in wide-ranging subject areas including calculus, physics, biology, chemistry, US History, European History, French, Latin, Spanish, German and computer science.

AP Scholars with honor from St. John's Preparatory School include Andover resident **Daniel P. Ravens '05**.

AP Scholars from St. John's Prep include Andover residents **John F. McCarthy '04** and **Brian P. McPartland '04**.

Paige Stillwell, of Andover, received second honors for the first-quarter honor roll at the Academy of Notre Dame High School.

Toby Childs, of Andover, a sixth form student at Kent School in Kent, Conn., was named to the honor roll for the fall term.

Our Lady of Nazareth Academy announced that Andover resident **Jessica Sannella**, a senior, has been named to the honor roll for the first marking term of the 2004-05 academic year.

She received an Academic

Commendation honor.

Nazareth Academy, a college preparatory high school of young women, is located in Wakefield.

Austin Preparatory School in Reading announced that the following students from Andover have made the honor roll for the first quarter of the 2004-05 academic year.

Distinction indicates no grade lower than A- and honors indicates no grade lower than B-.

DISTINCTION:

Brian Coffey, Grade 12
Caitrin Coffey, Grade 11
Katherine Weidlein, Grade 9
Alexandra Yuschik, Grade 10
Emily Zinsmeister, Grade 8

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Tyler Bishop, Grade 12
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Nicole Dudley, Grade 11
William Green, Grade 7
Kristin Lunker, Grade 12
Bridget Sheehy, Grade 9
Anya Sokolova, Grade 7
Jaclyn Todisco, Grade 11
Sarah Weidlein, Grade 12

The following residents from Andover recently achieved academic honors for the first quarter at Belmont Hill School:

Andrew Jeffrey Liu, High honors; and **Colin Pearce Hut-**

zler. Honors.

St. John's Preparatory School announced that 139 members of the senior class were inducted into the Brother Benjamin Chapter of the National Honor Society at a ceremony held Oct. 20, at Danversport Yacht Club.

National Honor Society fall 2004 inductees from Andover include **Daniel P. Ravens**, **Hasan A. Syed** and **Geoffrey K. Wuehrmann**.

The National Honor Society recognizes high school students for scholarship, leadership, character, and service to school and community.

To qualify, students must demonstrate academic achievement, leadership, character and a commitment to community service.

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STUDENTS SHARING



PHOTO BY KRISTEN HUNT

Kathy St. Amand's third-grade class at West Elementary School made 20 "holiday chests" for St. Ann's Home in Methuen. The "chests" were shoeboxes that were individually decorated and filled with small gifts and notes from the students. The Kids for Kids program at West Middle School also took part. A total of 45 children at St. Ann's Home received holiday chests from the students.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Dec. 20-24:

Elementary schools

Monday: Meatball sub with fries, chocolate chip pancakes with sausage, slice of pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Roast turkey with stuffing potato and peas, pizza stick, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie, apple cobbler and milk.

Wednesday: Corn dog, nachos with salsa, spaghetti and meatballs, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Two tacos with salsa, hot dog with fries, french toast with hash browns, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: No SCHOOL - Holiday Break.

Middle schools

Monday: Baked macaroni and cheese, chicken mcschool, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken and cheese quesadillas, two taco Tuesday, bagel pizza, fruit, veggie, vanilla pudding with whipped topping and milk.

Wednesday: Two hot dogs with chips, chocolate chip pancakes with sausage, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Chicken McSchool, spaghetti and meatballs, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: No SCHOOL - Holiday Break.

Andover High School

Monday: French toast sausage and hash browns, stuffed crust pizza, chicken, broccoli and ziti, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Oven baked chicken dinner, bakery pizza, spaghetti and meat sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, meatball sub, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Chefs choice, bakery pizza, lasagna, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: No SCHOOL - Holiday Break.

Premium lunch choices are served daily at the middle schools and Andover High. AHS also offers a Courtyard Barbecue featuring grilled food; the Collins Center Café; Pastabilities; and a Market Basket cart with other food choices daily.

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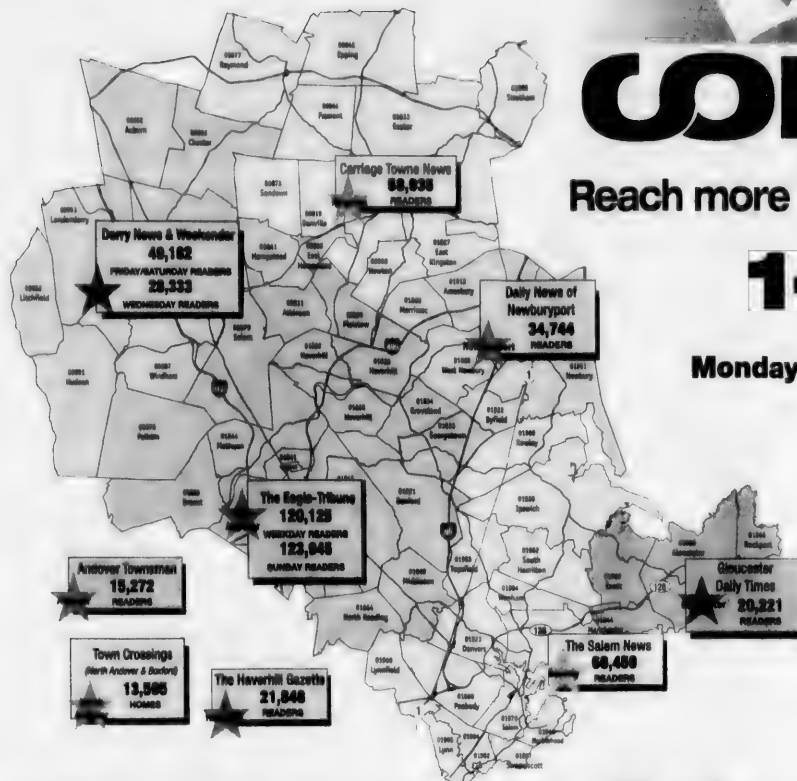
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DANIEL S. CASPER,
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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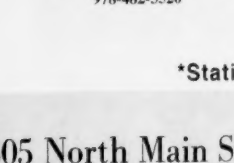
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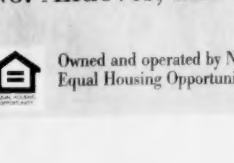
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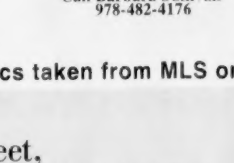
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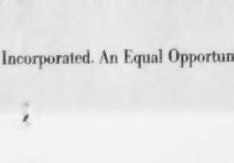
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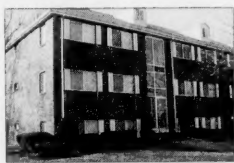
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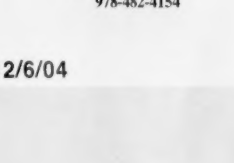
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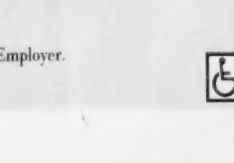
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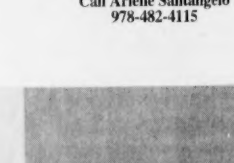
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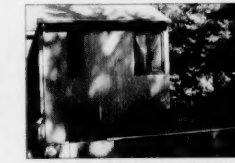
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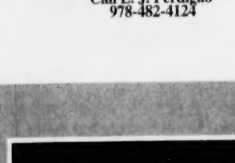
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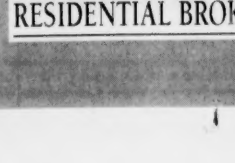
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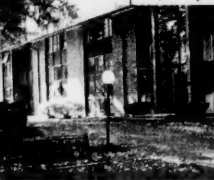
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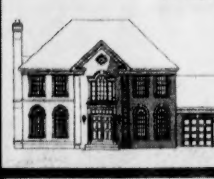
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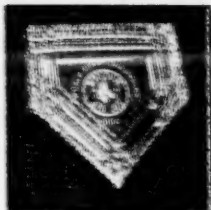


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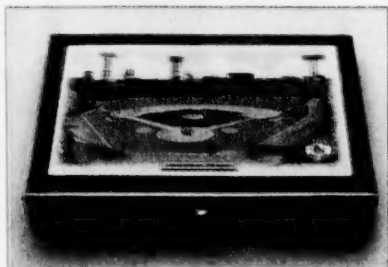
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